

Heavy rain causes havoc in Lukut

THREE-HOUR DOWNPOUR: 200 houses in several villages inundated and traffic brought to a standstill

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MORE than 200 houses in Lukut here were flooded up to the roof following a downpour since 5am yesterday.

The downpour also brought traffic to a standstill at the Lukut-Selangor junction, allowing only heavy vehicles to pass through.

District officer Ab Khalid Mat said the torrential rain, which lasted for three hours had caused low-lying areas to be inundated with up to 4m of water.

He said the worst-affected areas were Kampung Batu 7, near Sendayan, Taman Wawasan, Taman Jaya Lukut and Taman Indah Jaya.

"The floodwaters, however, receded around 10am."

He said there were no casualties reported as residents were prepared for the possibility of flash floods.

Khalid said the residents started cleaning up the debris and had undertaken repairs on their houses after the water receded.

The Welfare Department, Port Dickson Municipal Council and a few non-governmental



A car submerged in floodwaters in Kampung Batu 7, Lukut, Port Dickson. Pix by Iqmal Haqim Rosman

organisations helped the victims by distributing food and blankets.

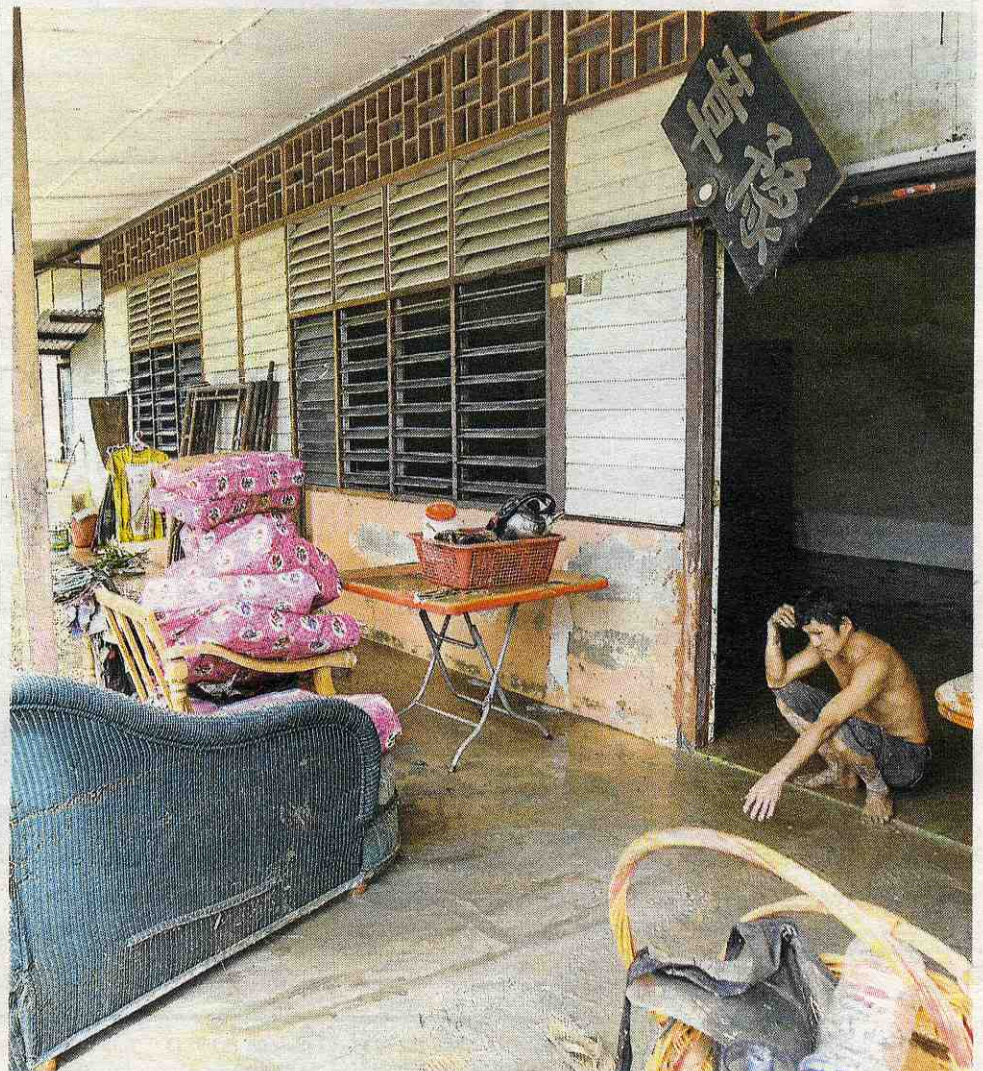
B. Murugan, 30, said the flood was the worst in the area in years.

"This area is always hit by floods when it rains heavily. Today is the fifth time that our

house has been inundated."

G. Natham 50, from Taman Indah Jaya said the flash flood was caused by poor drainage system.

"The drains are too small to channel the flow of water properly."



Flood victim Low Ah Sung feeling down in his house in Kampung Batu 7 yesterday.

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