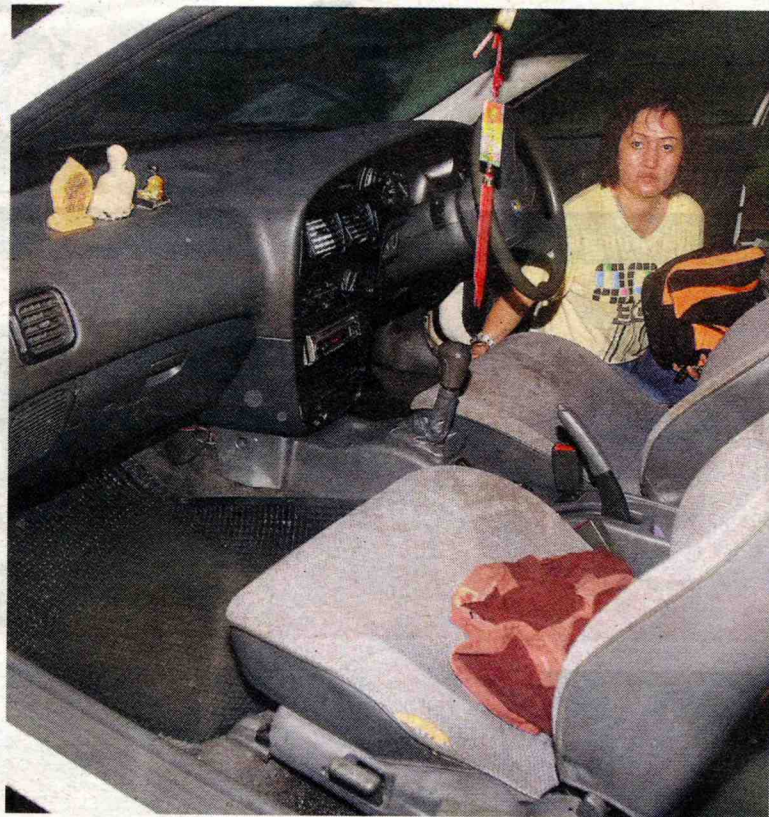




(Left) A mess: Ng Yoke Choo showing the water which had entered her car while parked at the ground floor of the Pandan Jaya flats where a flash flood occurred for the first time in over 20 years. Picture on the right showing residents of the two blocks discussing their plight caused by floods in their carpark.

A rare occurrence

Pandan Jaya folk hit by floods for first time in 20 years

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AFTER more than 20 years of living at the Pandan Jaya flats in Ampang, residents were shocked to find their ground floor carpark flooded for the first time after a downpour.

Resident S. Kugnasakaran, 52, an administration senior executive, said this had never happened before.

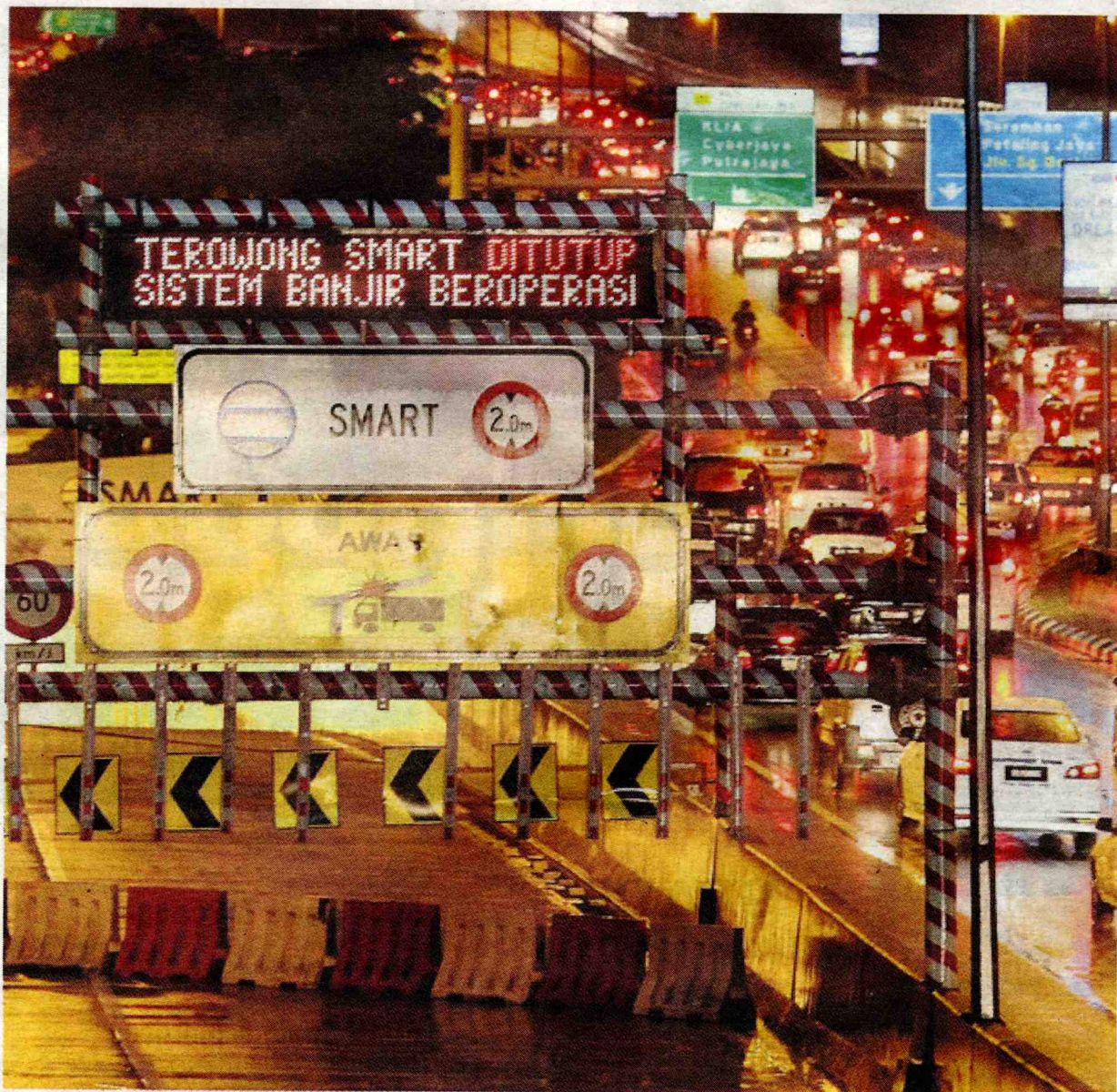
"I have lived here for 24 years and have never seen the place flooded. The flood waters rose to more than 0.6m after about an hour of heavy rain," he said, adding that about 15 cars were damaged due to the floods that occurred at Block C1 and C2 parking lots.

Though the water subsided about two hours later, residents now feel apprehensive about the incident recurring as they suspect it is due to a nearby highway construction that started early this year.

MPAJ enforcement director Addy Hissham Elias said the area was not known for flash floods.

"The area usually experience large puddles forming along the main roads when it rains but these subside quickly. The area is not known as a flash flood hotspot," he said, adding that they will look into the matter.

The Smart Tunnel was also closed to motorists as a result of the downpour.



No way through: The Smart Tunnel closed to traffic.