

Shah Alam hit by floods

NO EVACUATION: Teams monitoring several flood-prone areas, says city council

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SEVERAL areas here and in Klang were hit by flash floods following prolonged heavy rain over the past two days, causing massive traffic jam.

A downpour yesterday saw Pekan Meru in Klang as well as several areas here hit by flash floods.

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) corporate affairs deputy director Shahrin Ahmad said teams were sent out to several flood-prone areas following the downpour to monitor the situation.

"We will continue to monitor the development and send help quickly," he said.

Those wishing to contact the city council's disaster operation room on flash floods, landslides or fallen trees can call 03-5510581.

In Sekyen 13, the Karnival Bina Usahawan Gemilang (K-BUG), which was scheduled to start yesterday, was postponed to today after the site was hit by flash floods on Friday.

Carnival chairman Noordin Mat Jais said the four-hour heavy rain from 5pm flooded the Shah Alam Stadium car park.

"The flooding could have been caused by the clogged drains causing the water to rise to knee-high. Luckily, the tents were still being put up and only one booth was damaged.

"The traders had not brought in their goods yet or they would have faced greater losses."

Noordin said the floods caused traffic congestion and damaged a



Students crossing the flooded road near Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Shah Alam after the downpour yesterday. **Pic by Adib Rawi Yahya**

number of vehicles.

"The carnival will start today and end on Dec 31. We are still planning a new timetable in the aftermath of this disaster."

Selangor Fire Department assistant enforcement officer Mohd Hazwan Mohd Mansor said that the affected areas included Jalan Tahir Manan in Kapar, Klang; Jalan Jambu, Meru, Klang; Taman TTDI Jaya, Bukit Jelutong, here as well as several areas, including Seksyen 9 and Seksyen 13.

He said no one was evacuated as the flood water receded a few hours later.

In **Klang**, Bernama reported that the National Security Council dis-

tributed RM1.4 million in aid to 2,800 victims in three areas in the Kapar parliamentary constituency yesterday.

Kapar Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Abdul Rahman Palil said the 2,300 victims in the Selat Klang area received RM500 each yesterday while the remainder, in the Sementa and Sungai Pinang areas, would get theirs on Dec 29.

These people were affected by floods which hit their areas in March, he said after helping to distribute the aid at Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Udang, here.

Abdul Rahman, who is the state assemblyman for Sementa, said

the aid was given by the Federal Government to the flood victims.

"We are giving the aid to all those who registered and have a police report. They are eligible for the aid. We do not ask them which party they vote for."

Zalina Abullah, 29, said the money would come in useful for the purchase of school items for her children early next year.

"I am grateful. The aid will help ease our financial burden," said the resident of 10 years of Kampung Delek Kiri here.

R. Sathiaselvan was thankful for the aid, saying it would be used to repair goods damaged during the floods.