

Serdang badly hit by flash floods

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THIS year saw Serdang hit by flash-floods several times, with water rising as high as waist level and damaging houses and vehicles.

The most recent incident occurred on Dec 21 while the flood in September was said to be the worst to hit the district in 60 years.

Some of the badly flooded areas in Serdang were Sri Serdang, Serdang Jaya, Kampung Baru Seri Kembangan Section 5 and 9, and Serdang Lama.

Serdang MCA chairman Datuk Liew Yuen Keong said several factors caused the flash floods in Serdang, among which were clogged drains, uncleared rubbish and lack of maintenance of the Serdang Jaya retention pond.

"The Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) must take pro-



Team work: SK Sri Serdang pupils cleaning a classroom after the school was hit by flash floods.

active steps and not wait until flash floods occur to find a solution," he said.

Liew said Section 5 and 9 of the Seri Kembangan New Village,

Serdang Jaya, Sri Serdang and Serdang Lama were the most affected by the floods, where 400 houses were inundated.

DID had attributed the cause of

the September flood to unusual heavy rainfall.

Besides houses and shops, SMK Seri Indah and SJKC Serdang Baru 2 in Serdang Lama were also badly affected by the floods this year.

The Fire and Rescue Department had to use boats to ferry students who were still in school when the floods hit.

Many residents in the affected area said they had experienced floods in the area before but the incidents this year were some of the worst they had seen.

Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) president Datuk Asmawi Kasbi said in September that MPSJ had forwarded a request to the Selangor and Petaling Drainage and Irrigation Departments (DID) to look into the possibility of constructing a retention pond near SK Sri Serdang and SMK Seri Indah as a flood mitigation measure.