

# Flood havoc in city

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** An afternoon thunderstorm caused chaos in the city yesterday as traffic in several areas came to a standstill following flash floods and fallen trees. Vehicles were submerged in Damansara Damai near Sungai Buloh and Taman Miharja and Batu 9 in Cheras.

The monorail service was also disrupted after a tree fell on its tracks near Berjaya Times Square in Jalan Hang Tuah. Fallen trees in Jalan Imbi and Jalan Istana also brought traffic to a standstill.

Massive traffic congestion was reported along the Federal Highway, Sungai Besi Highway, Jalan Tun Razak, Jalan Duta, Jalan Segambut, Jalan Kuching, Jalan Istana, Jalan Cheras and Jalan Pudu.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall's operations room reported Sungai Klang and Sungai Gombak rose 2m above normal levels as rain began lashing the city at 2pm. A police spokesman said about 30 cars were reported submerged in Sungai Buloh.

A Jalan Hang Tuah Fire and Rescue Department spokesman said firemen were sent to several submerged areas to pump out the water.



Motorists caught in the flash floods in Cheras. — Bernama picture