



AGAINST THE TORRENTS: Car owners standing by their vehicles as floodwater threaten to wash away the cars in Jalan Cheras yesterday. — Bernamapic

# Flood chaos in the Valley

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Flash floods hit several parts of the Klang Valley after a two-hour downpour, and some vehicles were swept away by floodwaters.

Among the worst hit areas was Damansara Damai near Sungai Buloh where 30 vehicles were washed away.

Three cars were also washed away near Taman Billion in Cheras.

In the areas around Taman Miharja and Batu 9 Cheras, the water level rose to 1.5m, while uprooted trees in Jalan Imbi and Jalan Istana brought traffic to a standstill.

Massive traffic jams were reported along the Federal Highway, Jalan Tun Razak, Jalan Duta, Segambut and Jalan Kuching.

Traffic jams were also reported in Sungai Besi and Selang.

At Jalan Imbi near Berjaya Times Square here, the branch of an *angsana* tree fell onto the monorail tracks, disrupting services for about three hours. According to a spokesman for the City Hall flood operations

centre, the water levels at Sungai Klang and Sungai Gombak rose about 2m following an hour of rain.

"We started receiving distress calls at 3pm. We sent our teams to the affected areas," he said.

The Jalan Bandar Police Traffic control room sent out policemen to control traffic, while personnel from the Jalan Hang Tuah Fire and Rescue Department pumped out floodwaters at locations that were under water.

Meanwhile, hundreds of bus passengers and vehicles were stranded along Jalan Tun Razak, especially near the Pekeliling Bus Station heading to the city.

Muhammad Jamal Abdullah, 35, one of the affected commuters, said it was normal for traffic to build up following heavy rain.

"I have been stuck here for an hour and vehicles are moving very slowly. The authorities should look into this matter seriously. The same thing happened last Friday," he said.



SERVICES DISRUPTED: A crane being used in the cleaning-up efforts at Jalan Imbi in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. The branch of a tree had fallen onto the monorail tracks earlier.