

Rain of terror:

Motorists negotiating the floods at Kampung Pantai Dalam on the New Pantai Expressway. — Bernama



Flash floods frustrate KL homeowners and motorists

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KUALA LUMPUR: Several areas in the capital were hit by a rockslide and flash floods after a downpour during the evening rush hour.

At Kampung Sungai Penchala, yesterday's incidents happened one after the other, marking many firsts for unfortunate homeowners such as Roslin Badu.

"It started raining about 3.30pm and there was a lot of water running down the slope behind my house. A little while later, for the first time in all my life living here, we experienced a flash flood and the muddy waters started coming into our homes," the 62-year-old pensioner said.

About an hour later, he was cleaning up in the house, walking through ankle-deep water, when he heard a strange noise.

"When sound got louder, I ran out of the house immediately. I saw rocks rolling and tumbling down the slope behind my home. I

was scared and could only watch on helplessly," Roslin said.

Fortunately, the rocks only hit a few homes and injured no one.

He will be staying with his children as he is afraid to return home for fear of the consequences of more rainfall.

He added that Fire Department personnel dropped by to check on the situation soon after.

The Drainage and Irrigation Department recorded some 140mm of rainfall in the area by 5.30pm after more than an hour of rain.

The recorded amount is considered very high and within the above the danger limit for heavy rain.

In other parts of the city, frustration was at fever pitch as motorists tried to get through the evening rush hour traffic amidst flash floods. Traffic slowdown started as early as 4pm with road users complaining about congested roads including the Federal Highway, the city centre and New Pantai Expressway.