

Heavy rain causes floods and landslips in PJ

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RESIDENTS along Jalan Buana Perdana in Taman Buana Perdana, PJS 3, were hit by floods, with roads leading into the area inundated after a downpour on Friday.

Parts of the private access road leading into the housing area were still flooded as late as 9.30pm that night.

Quick Reaction Team (QRT) personnel from the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) arrived at the scene at about 6pm to help clear debris and uprooted trees blocking the access road.

Police personnel were also at hand to manage traffic.

At one point, police had to cordon off the roads leading into the housing area as motorists faced problems exiting the housing area, especially via the private access road.

"We could not see the road, the divider and the concrete kerb," said Jalan 3/26 resident Norisam Kamarudin.

"The floodwaters started rising at about 4.30pm and soon the whole road was under water. Luckily, the water only reached our front yard and did not flood the interior of our home," said Norisam.

Taman Buana Perdana residents' association committee member

Roshen Raj, who has lived in the area for six years, said the housing area experienced flashfloods at least two or three times a year.

"But this time it is really bad. Even the playground was flooded with rubbish floating about," he said.

Petaling Jaya Selatan Wanita MCA division deputy chief Datin Wong Fong Leng, who visited the area at about 8pm, said the flooding was due to clogged drains at

the entrance into Taman Buana Perdana.

It is believed construction works further along the private access road had aggravated the situation with debris clogging the drains.

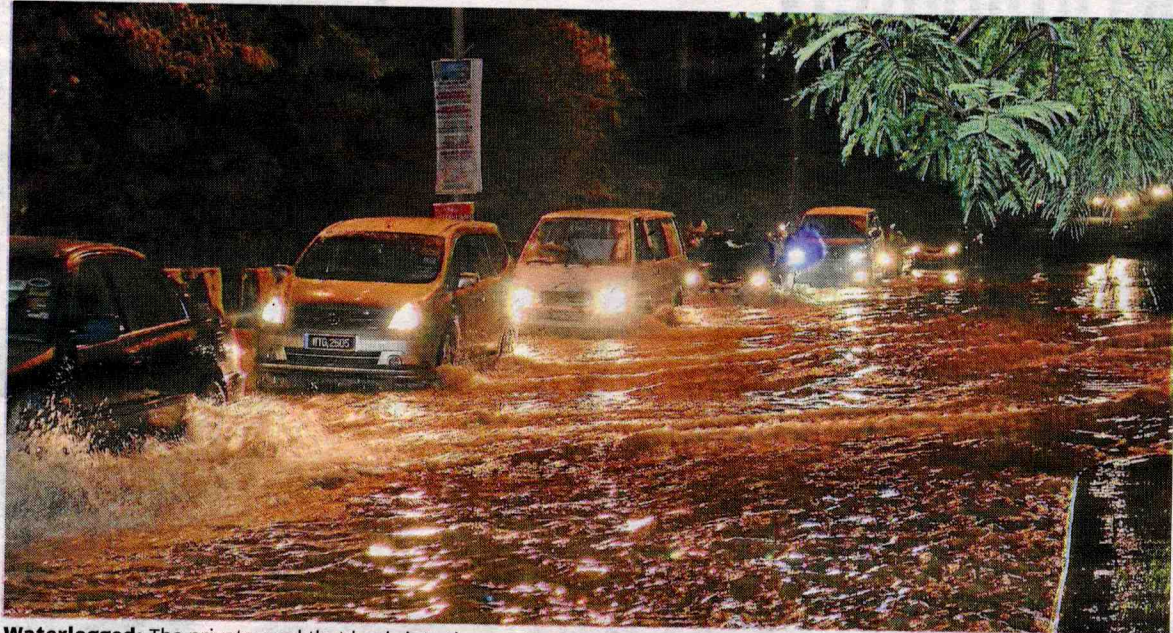
"Last August, I wrote to MBPJ to complain about the clogged drains and the council workers cleaned them. For a while there were no problems but it has started again," said Wong.

Other parts of Petaling Jaya were

also affected by the downpour.

These included parts of Taman Dato Harun (PJS 2), with trees uprooted, while a landslide occurred along Jalan 5/60 in Bukit Gasing.

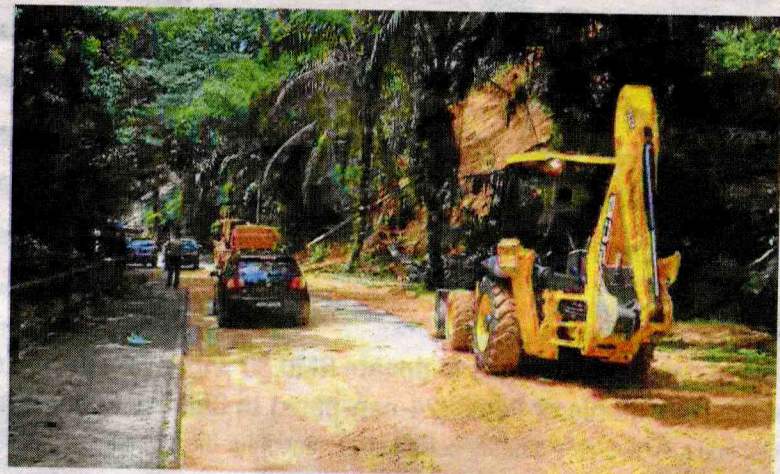
MBPJ's Landscape department contractors had to be called in to help clear the fallen trees off Jalan 5/60 while Engineering and Mechanical Department personnel had to use a backhoe and high-pressure hoses to clean up the mess.



Waterlogged: The private road that leads into the new Taman Buana Perdana was inundated with water, slowing down traffic in the area.



Uprooted: Residents in Taman Dato Harun were also affected by hazards such as fallen trees after the downpour.



Clearing the way: A backhoe and high pressure hoses were needed to clear Jalan 5/60 on Saturday after the landslide.