

Flash floods wreak havoc in Klang Valley

Evening rush hour comes to a standstill on some roads

KUALA LUMPUR: Traffic in the city came to a standstill when a late evening thunderstorm triggered flash floods.

Flash floods were reported at about 5.30pm in Damansara Perdana along Jalan PJU/1 near Metropolitan Square, KM1.4 on the KL-Seremban Highway from TUDM to the city centre, and on KM13 on the New Pantai Expressway.

The Malaysian Highway Authority (MHA) also reported that other affected roads were Jalan Duta, Jalan Raja Chulan, Jalan Cheras, the MRR2 near Taman Connaught and the East-West link near Bandar Permaisuri.

Portions of the Besraya highway were also affected.

However, the SMART tunnel remained open to road users in

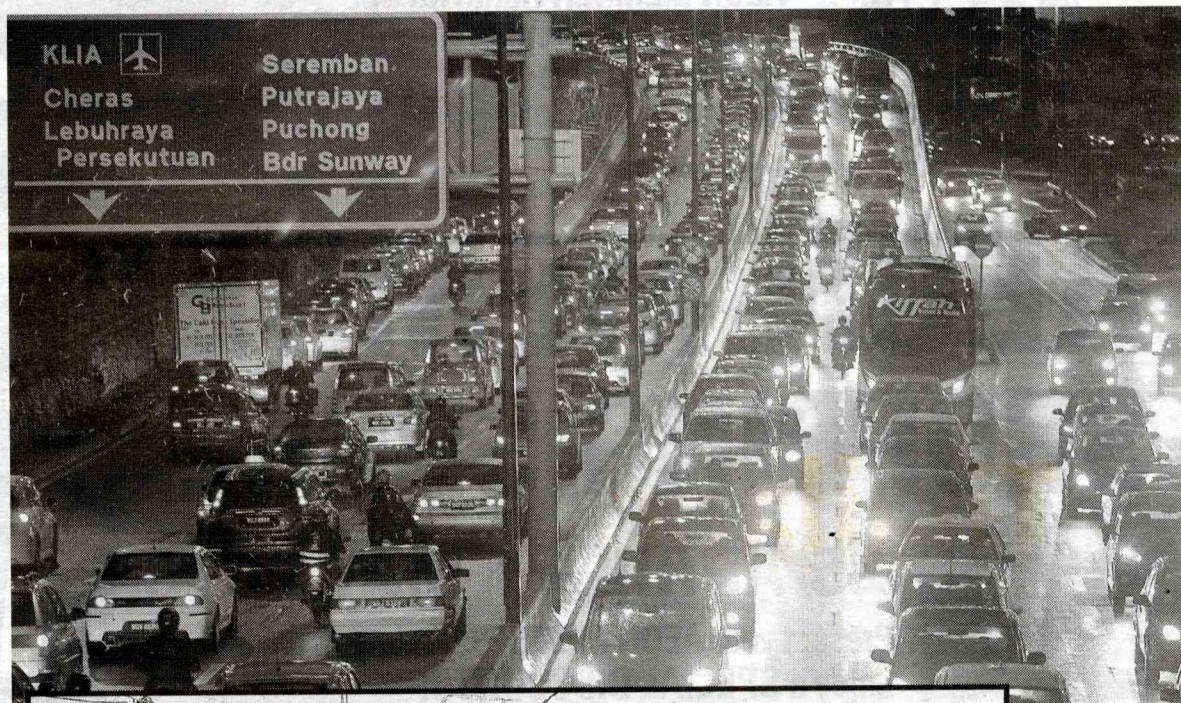
both directions.

MHA's Twitter handle @llmtrafik stated that traffic began to ease along the affected roads only at about 10pm.

Motorists caught in the heavy traffic and flash floods took to Twitter to warn others to avoid the affected stretches.

User @adam_lim tweeted a photograph of a road in Sri Serdang which was flooded at about 7pm, while user @silvennia tweeted at 8.30pm that "traffic heading to Kepong both from Penchala and LDP is extremely congested".

The Malaysian Meteorological Department's seven-day forecast showed that thunderstorms can be expected in the afternoon until Tuesday.



Bad weather: The flash floods causing a bumper-to-bumper crawl on Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong near Kelana Jaya while residents (left) have to wade through knee-deep floodwaters in Kampung Cempaka, Petaling Jaya.