

Two-hour downpour causes flash floods in KK

Submerged:

A car passing by a vehicle that fell into a drain along a flooded stretch on Jln Bundusan in Penampang.



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KOTA KINABALU: A two-hour downpour caused flash floods at housing estates and industrial zones in low-lying areas of the state capital. Water levels rising up to 0.5m flooded homes, shops and main roads into housing estates in various areas including Luyang, Likas, Polombong, Inanam, Menggatal and parts of Penampang during the heavy rain that started at around

1pm yesterday.

However, by 4pm water in most areas began subsiding and many residents started to clean up their homes.

Shop assistant Dailin Rasid said the water entered his premises very fast, adding that they hardly had any time to move their things to higher ground.

"It started at about 1pm and by

3pm, water gushed into our sundry shop," he said, adding that not many things were damaged as previous experience had taught him to stack things up properly.

An affected house owner, who identified herself as Lin, said the floodwaters swept rubbish from outside into her living room. "Now we have to clean up and it is really causing a lot of inconvenience and

has spoiled our day," she added.

A Fire and Rescue Services Department spokesman said they received reports from various areas but there were no requests for evacuations or any casualties.

A Meteorological Department spokesman said the rains triggered by a tropical depression in the South China Sea was expected to ease by today.

In the meantime, consumers are advised to be prudent in their use of water.

— PRISCILLA ALFRED

"As of now, 2,500 bottles of water have been distributed, and the number will be added from time to time according to needs," she said.

The location of the burst pipe has been identified as Sungai Terusan Bagan, about 4km from Sungai Chandong.

Priscilla said Syabas could only begin repair works after it had completed its assessment on the level of damage.

"In the meantime, consumers are advised to be prudent in their use of water and avoid wastage during the supply disruption."

The unscheduled water disruption two days ago has left more than 1,000 households and nearly 6,000 consumers with disrupted water supply.

On the same day, Syabas activated its emergency response plan for the Klang and Shah Alam areas.

"Syabas will monitor the situation and if need be, update the public about the latest developments, especially consumers in Pulau Ketam and Sungai Lima," said Priscilla.