

Shah Alam, Kajang battered by heavy storm

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DESTRUCTION: Heavy rain, strong winds uproot trees, cause power outages

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A TWO-HOUR downpour and strong winds wreaked havoc in several areas in Shah Alam and Kajang yesterday, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake.

No casualties were reported.

Selangor Fire and Rescue operations assistant director Mohd Sani Harul said it took hours for firemen to remove the debris, including cutting trees obstructing roads at the Bukit Jelutong industrial area.

“During the two hours of rain and strong winds, we received six emergency calls about fallen trees and cars trapped under the trees.

“However, there were no injuries or casualties. It took our firemen about an hour to clear the debris,” he said yesterday.

No major traffic congestion was reported to have been caused by fallen trees.

Bank executive Nur Sakinah Ahmad Zaki, 26, said she saw an advertising billboard come crashing down onto her colleagues' cars.



A building at the Bukit Jelutong Industrial Park is damaged by the heavy storm that struck Shah Alam and Kajang yesterday, leaving a trail of toppled trees and power outages. Pic courtesy of Fire and Rescue Department

“We suddenly heard a loud bang from outside the building (where we worked). We saw a billboard fall, hitting two of my colleagues' cars,” she said, adding that she also saw several windows shattered from the strong force of the wind.

“My office is in front of a machinery warehouse. The wind was so strong that even the excavators and cranes were moving with the wind. Even the roof of the warehouse was ripped apart.”

Factory worker I. Raja, 26, sustained minor injuries when a roof tile at his workplace flew and hit his hand.

Meanwhile, Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Jelutong suffered losses of about RM100,000 when the storm damaged several of its buildings, including some classrooms and the school canteen.

The storm also caused power outages in Jalan 8/2, Section 8 and Bukit Jelutong, here.

In **Kajang**, the downpour caused Sungai Jeluh in Hulu Langat to overflow.

A Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department spokesman said at least 50 shops in the area were damaged by the flash floods.

“The water, however, subsided after 30 minutes,” he said, adding that several areas in Taman Pandan Indah and Taman Pandan Jaya in Pandan were also affected. **Additional reporting by Zafira Anwar**