

Flash floods leave Klang folk stranded

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THOUSANDS of Klang residents were affected by a series of flash floods caused by heavy rain over the weekend.

The worst hit areas were mainly in Klang South and included Taman Klang Utama, Bandar Bukit Raja and Taman Aman Perdana.

Residents said the flooded roads had forced them to use alternative routes to reach their destinations.

On Saturday, the water rose to knee-height in Taman Klang Utama and trader Alex Lim said it took more than two days for the floodwaters to subside.

He said occupants of single-storey houses were badly hit as they were unable to rescue their movable properties.

"Furniture and electrical appliances have been damaged and the flood caused a lot of hardship," Lim said.

A resident from Bandar Bukit Raja who identified herself as Khoo said the drains in the area overflowed during the downpour.

She blamed uncollected rubbish, which clogged the drains in the area, as the cause for the flood.

"The water from the drains overflowed into the street," resident K. Sivam said.

Aman Perdana Residents' Association chairman A. Maniam said the two main monsoon drains in the neighbourhood could not cope with the amount of water.

As a result, he said, the roads were flooded and traffic was at a standstill.

"The drains are clogged and they should be cleared to allow free flow of water to prevent flash floods," he said.

Majid Md Yunos said the housing estate had become prone to flash floods and the residents found it hard to accept.

"This suppose to be an exclusive housing estate but the flash flood are happening too frequently," he said.

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1 The local mosque was not spared from the floods.



2 Neighbourhood streets turned into rivers

3 Water entered many houses in Klang.

