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Bestari Jaya fire and rescue officers taking children from a kindergarten in Puncak Alam to safety on a boat after 20 of them were trapped during flash floods. See Page 3.

City drivers endure traffic jams after heavy rain

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PETALING JAYA: Fire and Rescue Department officers in Selangor had their hands full as the Tuesday evening downpour left flash floods, landslips and fallen trees around the Klang Valley in its wake.

A team from the Bestari Jaya station was deployed to a kindergarten in Puncak Alam after waters rose to over 1m and trapped 20 children and five teachers inside at about 5.25pm, said Selangor Fire and Rescue Department assistant operations director Mohd Sani Harul.

Officers carried the children, 10 boys and 10 girls, out in their arms or on a boat, and later placed them in a temporary centre at a surau in Taman Lorong Lautan Samudera.

He also reported flash floods, some up to two feet (0.6m) in Pandan Indah and Taman Cempaka which caused massive traffic jams in and around Ampang. The waters began to recede at about 6.30pm.

Traffic congestions were also reported in other parts of the state, as officers were called to cut and remove eight fallen trees which shut off roads in areas like Jalan Besar Batu Arang, Jalan Rawang-Batang Berjuntai, Bandar Baru Bangi, Bandar Puchong Jaya, Morib, Cheras and Kampung Sungai Pelong.

"We also had calls over a minor landslide on a hill behind a house in Jalan Zamrud in Taman Bukit Ampang. A cliff measuring about 10 by 10 feet collapsed and caused mud to crack a drain embankment about 600m from a house here," he said.

Luckily, no one was injured during the 7pm incident and the structure of the house was safe, he said.

Social media users reported flash floods in Section 14 here and alerted passing vehicles to divert to avoid the gridlock.

Concerned motorists also tweeted about flooding along Jalan Utara, which had caused a massive jam along the Federal Highway.

In Kuala Lumpur, motorists had to slow down to avoid puddles of water.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) Integrated Transportation Information System reported stagnant water along Jalan Pudu and Jalan Imbi.

DBKL officers confirmed that water also pooled along Jalan Kampung Pandan but no flash floods occurred.