



Residents of 4th Mile, Jalan Klang Lama taking refuge on top of a car, while others just brave the floodwaters. — NST picture by Abd Rahim Rahmat

# Rain wreaks havoc in city

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Heavy rain caused havoc in the city yesterday evening, with some 300 houses in Jalan Klang Lama inundated by flood waters which only receded after several hours.

There were reports of malfunctioned traffic lights and lamp posts toppled by strong winds. Several cars were reportedly damaged in the incident.

Traffic congestion was reported in various parts of the city, exacerbated by office workers rushing home.

The worst affected area was the 4th Mile, Jalan Klang Lama where water rose waist-high.

The stretch near a hotel and shopping complex was impassable as the road was submerged.

Residents caught off guard scrambled to save their belongings.

Some who were unable to reach higher ground sought refuge on top of submerged cars.

A resident said the river overflowed not long after the rain started at 2.30pm.

"We were caught by surprise. The water rose quickly and many of us did not have time to do anything."

He said the flood was among



Jalan Klang Lama was submerged in water after the downpour yesterday. — NST picture by Mohd Sairien Nafis

the worst to have hit the area in years.

Among the areas where traffic came to a standstill were the Besraya Highway

near the Salak South toll plaza, Jalan Shamelin, the roundabout near Taman Billion, the Sg Besi-Seremban highway near the TUDM air

base, Jalan Peel, Jalan Tun Razak and Kampung Pandan roundabout where work to build the SMART tunnel was underway.

A city traffic police spokesman said two traffic lights at Jalan Pudu and the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka building broke down.