



The road to the Bukit Jelutong toll plaza in Selangor is **inundated** after a downpour yesterday. Pic courtesy of NST reader

Flash flood havoc

TRAPPED: Downpours expected to continue till Sunday, says Met Dept

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HEAVY rain in Selangor caused flash floods in several areas yesterday.

Floodwaters rose between one and two metres from noon, damaging vehicles and properties, but receded by evening.

Nobody was relocated as no residential area, except Bandar Puncak Alam, was affected.

On Sunday night, some 150 people from Phase 2B3 of Taman Sinar Alam in Bandar Puncak Alam were relocated to Surau Taufiqiyah, which was turned into a temporary relocation centre. They returned home yesterday.

Other affected areas were here, Kampung Bukit Kerayong, Taman Sentosa, Bandar Puteri, Jalan Kebun Nenas, Jalan Raja Nong, Jalan Airport Subang, Ara Damansara, New

Pantai Expressway heading to Bangsar in front of Palm Spring Condo in Petaling Jaya, Bukit Kutu, Subang Jaya, Citta Mall in Petaling Jaya, Kampung Teras Jernang, Middle Ring Road 2 near Shell Melati, Space U8 Mall, Giant Hypermarket here, Bukit Jelutong toll plaza, Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd (KTMB) Batu 3 station and Prima U1 condominium in Glenmarie.

Some parts here were flooded after two hours of heavy rain that started at 1pm. The floods trapped many vehicles on main roads.

Among the areas worst affected were Section 9, Section 13, Section 20, Section U8 and Batu 3, where roads became impassable to light vehicles.

State Fire and Rescue Department officers were busy pushing stalled cars to safety as well as clearing minor landslides and pump water out of the KPJ Hospital in Section 20.

The flash flood also caused a temporary disruption to the commuter

service at the Batu 3 station as the rail line was submerged.

A KTMB spokesman confirmed that the station was flooded.

The floodwaters in Batu 3 and surrounding areas receded at 4.30pm.

It was learnt that the floods in Batu 3 and Section 13 were caused by the backflow of water from Sungai Damansara.

At 4pm yesterday, the slip road from Bukit Raja heading towards Shah Alam became impassable due to flash flood.

Commuters exiting the Shah Alam toll on the New Klang Valley Expressway had to head to Subang toll plaza or the North-South Expressway Central Link and exit at Ebor toll plaza because of heavy traffic at the Shah Alam toll plaza near Bukit Jelutong as several lanes had to be closed because of the flash flood.

As at 8pm yesterday, Sungai Klang at Kampung Jawa exceeded dangerous levels, while Sungai Damansara at Batu 3 and Sungai Klang at Tugu Keris breached the alert level.

Meteorological Department director-general Datuk Che Gayah Ismail said the wet weather was expected to continue until Sunday.