



The motorcycle lane along the Federal Highway at Batu Tiga, Shah Alam was covered with water after the overflowing of the Tasik Subang dam, which resulted in Sungai Damansara to burst its banks. — Photos: M. AZHAR ARIF, ART CHEN and MOHD SAHAR MISNI/The Star



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The crumbled stretch of the road near Jelutong Plaza at Bukit Jelutong has been dug up for repair works.

'Investigate cause of floods'

Association urges MPSJ and DID to inspect retention ponds and drainage system in Selangor

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THE Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) and the Petaling District Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) are being blamed for the flooding at Sungai Besar Expressway near the Serdang KTM station.

Floods have hit the area for the third time, this year.

Serdang Federation of Associations president Datuk Yap Pian Hon said the lack of monitoring and inspection at retention ponds could have contributed to the flash floods in Selangor.

Retention ponds are a building condition for developers for any new project.

The poor drainage system along the highways was another reason for the flood.

The root of the problem to heavy flooding in the area was disclosed during a meeting with rep-

resentatives from Besaraya Sdn Bhd Md Zohir Harun, Wan Mohd Hawari Ramli and two non-government representatives from Serdang.

The meeting was held after a letter was sent to the concessionaire and the Malaysian Highway Authority requesting for the cause of floods to be identified.

Yap urged MPSJ and DID to investigate the matter and take action.

The downpour on Monday caused two dams to overflow and saw parts of the Klang Valley being flooded.

In Selangor, both the Tasik Subang and Klang Gates dams overflowed following the continuous rain that took place for several hours.

Like a domino effect, the overflowing of the Tasik Subang dam resulted in Sungai Damansara to burst its banks and led to the flooding at Kampung Kayu Ara and Batu Tiga in Shah Alam.

Based on reports, the Selangor Fire and Rescue Department said 18 locations were flooded between 12.30pm and 3.30pm on Monday.

The worst-hit area was in Jalan Lautan, Puncak Alam where 144 residents were evacuated to a *surau* at Puncak Alam as water levels had reached 1m.

The downpour took a toll on some roads in Bukit Jelutong, Shah Alam.

A portion of the junction heading towards D'Pangkin, the commercial area of the township was severely damaged.

What was a newly tarred part of the road had given way and crumbled.

Motorists were seen still driving on the damaged road but moving slowly to take the left turn to their destination.

The same road condition could be seen 200m away, heading towards the Jelutong Plaza.

At about 2.30pm yesterday, *StarMetro* observed contractors

from the Shah Alam City Council repairing the damage, digging out parts of the damaged road.

The motorcycle lane along the Federal Highway near Batu 3, Shah Alam was also flooded and non-accessible.

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In Kuala Lumpur, residents of three apartments on a hill along Jalan Raja Chulan were forced to temporarily vacate their homes after a landslide caused a gas leak at a restaurant nearby.

Heavy rain also caused mudflow after a cliff collapsed along the Shah Alam Expressway (Keses) near the Kewajipan roundabout about 2.15pm. The left lane of the highway was closed until 7pm.

In Rawang, a minor mudslide was reported at Bukit Kutu about 2.50pm.