

Floods wreak havoc in Klang

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KLANG: Flash floods hit several housing estates yesterday, damaging furniture and fittings in several hundred homes.

Many cars were also submerged in Bandar Puteri, Taman Sentosa, Taman Saujana and Taman Mewah Jaya 3.

The floods hit about 1am and subsided in the evening, affecting 900 homes.

Bandar Puteri resident M. Jegadeson, 34, said he moved to the area about a year ago and was shocked at the frequency of the floods.

"I managed to move some of my furniture to safety."

Kamaruddin Munir, 41, from Taman Sentosa said this was the worst floods to hit the housing estate in nine years.

"This is the first time my whole house was flooded," he said as he cleaned the mud from the floor of his home.

He believed blocked drains and a road-widening project near the entrance of the housing estate had contributed to the flooding.

Taman Mewah Jaya 3 resident S. Sivaji, 48, said he had lived there for seven years and the area was affected by floods every time there was heavy rain.

"My whole house was knee-deep in water. I have complained to the local authorities many times but nothing has been done."

Klang Municipal Council's Abd Bakir Zin said that besides blocked drains due to development activities, the unusually heavy rain was to be blamed for the flooding.

"It was just too much for the system to handle."

He said there were many road-widening and housing development projects in the area, causing drains to be clogged.

He added that as an immediate measure, drains would be cleared and more water



A cyclist braving the floods in Bandar Puteri, Klang yesterday.

pumps placed at these areas to pump water away in the event of heavy rain.

Abd Bakir said the council would also be building a retention pond costing about RM500,000 in Taman Saujana.

In Port Dickson, 200 families from four areas were rudely awakened when flash

floods hit their homes.

The areas were Taman Indah Jaya, Kampung Bagan Pinang, Kampung Baru Sirusa and Kampung Sirusa Dalam.

Belongings and valuables were damaged when water rushed into their homes about 4.30am, during a three-hour downpour.

Taman Indah Jaya residents association secretary M. Subramaniam said this was the fourth time flash floods had inundated his home, and this time around it was the worst.

Subramaniam, 55, said residents' frequent complaints to the local authorities on flood woes had fallen on deaf ears.