

# Heavy rains until third week of May

**'BE ALERT':** Brace for more flash floods, says Met Dept

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**M**OTORISTS should brace themselves for more flash floods in the city following the warning by the Meteorological Department that heavy rains are expected to continue until the third week of this month.

Its director-general, Datuk Che Gayah Ismail, said the heavy rains in the afternoon and evening might trigger flash floods and advised motorists to be careful.

"As we are in the inter-monsoon phase, which is expected to last until

the third week of the month, flash floods are expected to occur as a result of heavy rains in the afternoon.

"In addition, rainfall intensity and duration, topography, soil conditions and ground cover also contribute to flash floods."

Gayah advised the public to take precautionary measures during heavy rains and thunderstorms, which include avoiding open areas, not taking shelter under trees but inside of buildings, not using the telephone and staying away from tall structures such as trees and towers.

The public can keep up to date on the weather conditions by getting information via the Meteorological Department's website at [www.met.gov.my](http://www.met.gov.my), or through the hotline 1-300-22-1638.

**Page 1 pic: Motorists and motorcyclists making their way through an inundated stretch of Jalan Maarof in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday.**