

'MRT works did not cause flash floods in city'

MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd, the project delivery partner of the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project, in a statement said that the flash flood near Jalan Tuanku Abdul Halim on Thursday evening was not related to the MRT construction nearby.

The company said its investigations revealed that the incident was not caused by, nor related to, the construction of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line.

It also stated that current construction activities at the MRT Jalan Tuanku Abdul Halim worksite, such as the train systems and signalling works, were carried out on the MRT elevated viaduct.

"The ground activities such as civil works and permanent drainage have been completed and are continuously maintained properly," the statement read.

MMC Gamuda KVMRT also said it would continue to work hand-in-hand with its Work Package Contractors to provide support to the public along the Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) MRT alignment during this rainy season.

The SMART Tunnel was in operation and closed to the public as a precautionary measure but the flooded zones were not within the tunnel's catchment area.

One of the unusual areas that got flooded was the Bangsar entrance to Universiti Malaya.

Bangsar Baru resident Prem Kumar Nair said he was lucky to have missed the flood waters.

"I left Bangsar South at about 8.45pm and was caught in terrible traffic.

"I was unaware of the flash flood until I saw about 15 cars stalled near the university entrance.

"It was really surprising to see the area flooded because I use this stretch very often and have never experienced floods here before. But the rain was quite heavy on Thursday.

"By the time I reached the entrance, the water had subsided.

"Firemen were removing the vehicles that were stuck during the flood," he said, adding that it took him over an hour to get home.