

# 'Graft not the cause of flash floods in Kuala Lumpur'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** According to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), allegations of corruption as being the cause of the flash floods here hold no water.

Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor also said there was no element of corruption in the contracts awarded for drainage and river cleaning works.

"We give contracts to contractors on a pre-order basis. If contractors are not up to standard, we will terminate them," he said after attending the excellent award presentation for students at SMK Tinggi Setapak here yesterday.

He said this when asked for an update on MACC's investigation into the floods which were alleged to have occurred due to corruption.

In the May 12 flash floods, almost

100 vehicles were trapped in Jalan Tuanku Abdul Halim and Jalan Bangsar.

Tengku Adnan said that the findings of Kuala Lumpur City Hall showed that the flash floods in Jalan Tuanku Abdul Halim were due to development work in that area, as well as heavy downpour that day.

As for Jalan Pantai Baharu which is located near Universiti Malaya (UM), he said UM's retention basin was filled with mud and silt due to heavy development work at the university, causing it to overflow.

Tengku Adnan said the ministry was looking into installing the storm water retention system here to reduce a recurrence of flash floods.

He said it would include replacing old pipes, installing water pumps and building retention ponds and road diversions. **Bernama**