



**Stop-gap measure:** Motorists and pedestrians using a make-shift bridge to cross between Kuala Terla and the Pos Terisu orang asli village.

## Bridge collapse cuts off access to orang asli village

**IPOH:** Access between Kuala Terla and the Pos Terisu orang asli village at Cameron Highlands was cut off after a bridge collapsed during a heavy down-pour.

The incident is believed to have occurred between 2.30am and 3am yesterday, with flooding near Jalan Kolam Air in Brinchang, 18km from Kuala Terla.

Cameron Highlands OCPD Deputy Supt Zainalabidin Othman said the bridge was located at the meeting point between two tributaries – Sungai Tringkap and Sungai Kuala Terla – that joined the main Sungai Ulu Telom.

“We believe that strong undercurrents connected below the bridge, causing it to collapse,” he said, adding that three cars and three motorcycles were swept away and damaged by the flash floods.

“Fortunately, the vehicles were recovered by their owners as they

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were found near some houses.

“Another car belonging to a tourist was crushed by a fallen tree,” he said, adding that there were no reports of casualties.

Supt Zainalabidin said Pos Terisu had four villages with about 850 folk.

“The villagers have set up a metal ramp for motorcycles to cross as a temporary measure. The villagers are now cleaning up their homes,” he added.