

# Kg Pok hit by flash floods for the first time

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**GELANG PATAH:** About 300 residents in Kampung Pok here experienced flash floods for the first time in the village's history after a seven-hour heavy downpour.

When it started raining heavily at about 10am on Friday, Fatimah Md Zain, 83, was not too bothered but she became worried when she saw huge pools of water forming quickly outside her house.

By 3pm, the floodwater reached her knee. The rain only stopped at dusk.

"My children and grandchildren, who live down the street, rushed to help me move my electrical appliances to higher places, but some of my furniture and wardrobe were damaged," she said at her home yesterday.

Another villager Daiman Samad, 57, whose kitchen was also flooded, said he had never seen such flooding in the village since he was a little boy.

About 20 Civil Defence Department personnel helped the residents relocate to a temporary flood relief centre at the village hall after receiving a distress call that evening, said its Johor Baru officer Lt Muda Mohd Aziz Jupri.

He said floodwater receded early yesterday morning and the residents were allowed to return home to clean up their homes.

Nusajaya assemblyman Dr Zaini Abu Bakar said the flash floods were caused by an overflow of water at the Sungai Pok Kecil river mouth located about 300m from the village.

The Drainage and Irrigation Department has been instructed to carry out digging works to ensure the water flows into the sea without hindrance, he said.