

# Watery weekend in Klang

Flash floods all over royal town after two-hour downpour

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**KLANG:** Weekend plans for many people here were ruined when about two hours of heavy rain caused flash floods in several areas of the royal town.

The rain, which started at about 1pm, inundated main roads around Seri Andalas and nearby areas.

About 500 houses were flooded and more people were trapped in their vehicles when roads became impassable as the water rose to more than 0.6m high.

It is learnt that Drainage and Irrigation Department officials had to manually open the water gate at Jalan Banting in Pandamaran to reduce the flood water level.

Several water gates along the Klang River were closed at 3pm due to the high tide.

One of the motorists who was trapped in the flood was taxi driver C. Satkunaseelan, 63.

He said he was trapped along Jalan Sungai Jati when the flash flood hit.

"I was a sending a passenger to Taman Sentosa. The water rose so high that half of my tyres were submerged. However, I later managed to reverse and took another route," he said.

Satkunaseelan said he was again stuck in the flood on his way out of the area and had to wait for the water to recede before he could continue on his journey.

Klang Municipal Council councillor P. Sebastine Rao said that he, too, was stranded while heading towards



**Chaotic scene:** Traffic at Jalan Sungai Jati, Taman Sentosa came to a halt after a flash flood following heavy rain

Taman Sentosa to check on the situation there after the heavy rain.

"I had to stop at Bandar Puteri and wait until the water went down before I could continue," he said.

Seri Andalas assemblyman Dr

Xavier Jayakumar said he received many complaints from residents whose homes were affected by the flash floods.

"Many also alerted me about roads that were inundated and

closed. It was a chaotic weekend for many," he said, adding that he and several other councillors and staff members were arranging for food to be distributed to affected families.