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NON-STOP RAIN

KUALA LUMPUR HIT BY FLASH FLOODS AGAIN

Sg Buloh, Gombak, Bukit Jalil among areas affected

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NON-STOP rain since afternoon saw several areas in the Klang Valley flooded yesterday.

Among the affected areas were Sungai Buloh, Gombak, Jalan Kuchai Lama, Jalan Tun Razak, Pudu and Bukit Jalil.

Netizens took to social media to share videos of rising water levels in the areas.

One Twitter user shared a video of floods along Jalan Kia Peng, with cars in a parking lot partly submerged in water. Another shared pictures of Masjid Jamek and its surroundings inundated.

The Fire and Rescue Department confirmed that several locations in the capital here had

been affected by flash floods.

The Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel, or SMART, was closed to road users for the activation of the flood system following the downpour.

Its operator, on Twitter, said it had received instruction from the Drainage and Irrigation Department to close the tunnel.

“Water from Sungai Klang/Sungai Ampang has been diverted to the Berembang retention pond. Mode 2 (water flowing from the tunnel’s lower drain) was activated at 1558hrs (3.58pm),” it said.

Mode 3 refers to floodwaters flowing in the lower drain and Mode 4 refers to water diverted to the upper and lower decks after closure of the tunnel.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall’s Integrated Transport Information System also alerted heavy traffic at numerous locations, including the Middle Ring Road 2 (Ukay Perdana to Ampang), North-South Expressway (Petronas/Shell Technology Park Malaysia



Rescue team members searching flooded houses for victims in Kampung Periuk, Kampung Baru in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. (Inset) Vehicles in floodwaters are seen in Jalan Perak, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday. PIX BY FATHIL ASRI

to the Sungai Besi toll plaza), as well as various roads in city centre, like Jalan Tun Razak, Jalan Sungai Besi (Wisma Mah Sing to TRX), Jalan Kuching, Jalan Istana and Jalan Genting Klang.

A City Hall staff member said a rescue team was deployed to Kampung Periuk and Kampung Baru to monitor the situation at the flood-prone areas.

The Meteorological Department earlier issued a thunderstorm alert at 1.35pm until 5pm for Selangor (Kuala Selangor, Hulu Selangor, Klang, Gombak, Petaling, Kuala Langat, Hulu Langat and Sepang), Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Negri Sembilan (Jelebu,



Seremban, Port Dickson, Kuala Pilah and Rembau) and Melaka (Alor Gajah).

Up to 5pm, the National Disaster Management Agency confirmed flash floods in several areas in the Klang Valley.

It said areas that reported rising water were Jalan Sultan Ismail/Jalan Ampang, Jalan Leboh Ampang, Jalan Raja Laut (So-

go/Pertama) and Jalan Kia Peng/Jalan Raja Chulan.

Rivers that reached the warning level were Sungai Batu (Sentul), Sungai Klang (at Jambatan Sulaiman), Sungai Klang (Lebuah Pasar) and Sungai Gombak (Jalan Parlimen), it added.

Water from Sungai Gombak had risen to the dangerous level at Jalan Tun Razak, it said.