

NO CASUALTIES, INJURIES REPORTED

TREES UPROOTED IN KL STORM

5 cars, 5 motorcycles damaged in city centre, Kuchai Lama, Universiti Malaya

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SEVERAL vehicles, including one escorting Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh's convoy, were damaged when heavy rain and strong winds uprooted several trees around the city about 3.30pm yesterday.

City Fire and Rescue Department Operations Centre said five cars and five motorcycles were damaged in the city centre, Kuchai Lama and Universiti Malaya. There were no casualties or injuries reported.

The incident came a week after a fallen tree in Jalan Sultan Ismail here caused the death of one man, damaged 17 vehicles and damaged part of the Kuala Lumpur monorail track, disrupting services for a day.

"A tree also fell on Jalan Rahmah in Taman Gembira, Kuchai Lama, and obstructed traffic flow.

The department said: "Another tree fell onto the roof of a house in Jalan Selesa 1 of the same neigh-

bourhood. No injuries were reported in both incidents."

It added that a tree fell at Universiti Malaya's Faculty of Medicine, causing damage to a nearby parked car.

"A tree also fell at the university's examination building and damaged a parked car.

"In Jalan Pinang and Jalan P. Ramlee, an uprooted tree crushed eight vehicles, including cars and motorcycles. There were no injuries," it said.

Kuala Lumpur police chief Datuk Rusdi Mohd Isa confirmed that a tree which fell in Jalan Pinang damaged a police vehicle in the Melaka chief minister's convoy.

It was learnt the police vehicle, a Proton X70, was escorting three vehicles, one of which was carrying Rauf to an event in the city centre. The occupants of the vehicles, including Rauf, are reportedly safe.

The Fire and Rescue Department is collaborating with Kuala Lumpur City Hall to conduct tree-cutting and cleaning operations in the affected areas.

Meanwhile, Perak Fire and Rescue Department assistant director of operations Sabarodzi Nor Ahmad said heavy rain in two areas since Sunday night had led to surge in water levels in rivers and in an upstream area.

He said the heavy downpour caused a water surge at the Lata Iskandar waterfall in Tapah at 9am yesterday, but no one was injured.

"There was also heavy downpour in Kampar since last night



Kuala Lumpur City Hall workers inspecting the vehicles damaged by a fallen tree in Jalan Pinang yesterday. PIX BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

(Sunday). This resulted in the dangerous water level in Sungai Kampar this morning (yesterday). However, there was no flood or evacuation of victims," he said. **Additional reporting by T.N Alagesh**

Page 1 pix: Cars and properties damaged in a storm in Jalan Pinang (main pic), Taman Gembira (top) and at the Universiti Malaya medical faculty in Kuala Lumpur.



A vehicle damaged by the fallen tree in Jalan Pinang yesterday.



A police vehicle that was escorting Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh is damaged by the uprooted tree in Jalan Pinang. PICTURE COURTESY OF POLICE



Kuala Lumpur City Hall workers removing the tree from Jalan Pinang.