



Workers of a flood-hit furniture shop clean up after the water receded.

City Hall to build more flood retention ponds

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PETALING JAYA: Kuala Lumpur City Hall yesterday announced its long-term flood mitigation plans, after a downpour on Tuesday caused flash floods in the city.

Among the measures are three flood retention ponds which are expected to be completed by the end of next month. They are Sungai Gombak and Batu, and Sungai Keroh and Injang which are expected to be completed by the end of next year.

City Hall also carried out seven flood mitigation projects at flood-prone areas.

The projects include building retention ponds and upgrading the existing drainage system. These projects are

expected to be completed by early 2010.

The downpour that lasted about three hours on Tuesday recorded 468mm of rainfall.

The roads affected by the floods were Jalan Parlimen, roundabout near Bank Rakyat, Jalan Duta heading towards Jalan Semantan, Jalan Pantai Baru, Jalan Maharajalela, Jalan Sg Besi, Jalan Genting Klang, Jalan Air Panas, Bulatan Masjid Negara and Jalan Pudu.

The flood caused blackouts and operational disruptions and left thousands of people trapped and stranded either in buildings, bus stations or light rail transit stations in the city.

City Hall also said the SMART Tunnel prevented flooding at Jalan Masjid India and Jalan Melaka during the downpour.