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KL in deep water – yet again

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KUALA LUMPUR: Several areas in the capital city were submerged yet again after a downpour from 11am to 4pm yesterday, a month after a similar episode that saw many major roads submerged.

Floods were reported in at least six areas, including Jalan Ampang, Jalan Rahmat, Jalan Segambut and Jalan Dutamas 2.

At around noon, the SMART tunnel management announced the closure of the facility to divert water in anticipation of flash floods.

According to authorities, floodwaters in most areas receded about an hour later, after which the tunnel was reopened to motorists.

Videos that went viral showed Sungai Klang swollen and the confluence of the river with Sungai Gombak in the heart of Kuala Lumpur also dangerously high.

The federal capital has been hit by floods about half a dozen times since Dec 18, when major floods saw thousands of cars submerged and people seeking refuge on rooftops.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) attributed the floods yesterday to clogged drains due to construction and areas being low-lying.

DBKL Socioeconomic Development executive director Datuk Anwar Mohd Zain said immediate cleaning work was being done to ensure proper water flow.

On April 25, heavy rain lasting more than two hours brought traffic to a standstill, and two days later, another round of flash floods hit areas in and around Pudu.

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Braving the rain: A woman, armed with an umbrella, walking in the downpour in Kuala Lumpur. – MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI/The Star

Blowing hot and wet

Weather not extreme, it's monsoon and La Nina, say experts

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PETALING JAYA: Malaysia seems to be caught between two extremes, with the sun bearing down and temperatures hitting 35°C on one day, and rain pouring until cities are flooded the next.

The Fire and Rescue Department also seem to be caught between floods and hot places, monitoring flood-prone areas and fire hotspots around the country.

The Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) is also sending out mixed messages.

Earlier this month, its director-general Muhammad Helmi Abdullah announced the start of the south-west monsoon which he said would result in hot weather, with a lack of rain or low rainfall.

Yesterday, however, MetMalaysia released a heavy rain warning in several states which saw flash floods.

Yet, the extreme weather conditions are not "extreme", say climate experts.

It is a normal occurrence due to the south-west monsoon and La Nina, they say.

Muhammad Helmi told *The Star* that Malaysia was also experiencing a "monsoon break".

While the south-west monsoon brings a hot and humid period, he said "a monsoon break is when changes in wind direction encourage the formation of active clouds".

"The storm line phenomenon, which brings heavy rain and strong winds with lightning in the early morning, can also occur during the south-west monsoon, especially on the west coast of the peninsula and west of Sabah," he said.

He added that Malaysia was also experiencing a weak La Nina phenomenon at the same time that was causing additional rain.

This, he said, was expected to continue until October.

Universiti Malaya climate specialist Prof Datuk Dr Nor Azizan Abu Samah agreed, saying that Malaysia was receiving "above normal" rain due to La Nina.

"During La Nina, we get 10% to 20% more rain even in a drier period and this is expected to last until October," he said.

He said the current hot weather was, in fact, normal because there were fewer cloud formations causing more sun radiation.

However, he felt Kuala Lumpur was experiencing an urban heat island (UHI) phenomenon that also lead to more thunderstorms.

UHI is when a metropolitan area is significantly warmer than other nearby rural areas because of human activities and development.

On flash floods in the city, he said they occurred due to drainage issues in the states and not because of the weather.

Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin's Dr Azimah Ismail also emphasised that flash floods are a drainage problem and urged the authorities to be stricter in land development approval to minimise the hazard.

Unpredictable weather: An aerial view of the flash floods in Kuala Lumpur. – Photo courtesy of ITIS DBKL

Johor Baru hit by 'worst floods in recent times'

JOHOR BARU: Several parts of th city were under water while major road had to be closed whe flash floods hit the state capital afte a downpour.

It affected Jalan Tebrau, Jala Serampang, Jalan Bakar Batu, Jala Tun Abdul Razak and Jalan Pasi Pelangi, where Istana Pasir Pelang is located.

Jalan Tun Abdul Razak wa closed to traffic due to floodwater that started to rise just 10 minute after the rain began at about 2pm.

A video on the flooded Jala Tebrau and Jalan Pasir Pelangi ha gone viral on social media.

However, the floods quickly sub sided after the rain stopped a around 4pm.

Motorcyclist Nik Nazirul Nil Mazlan, 28, a sales assistant at shopping mall along Jalan Tu Abdul Razak, said the water bega to rise suddenly after the rain start ed.

"I was waiting for the rain t stop but it kept getting heavie Within minutes, the road wa flooded and I had to go inside th shopping mall.

"This is the worst flash floods have seen in the city in recen years," he said, adding that th Johor Baru City Council (MBJB must ensure the drainage in the cit area was clear.

Flash floods also hit Jalan Kolan Ayer and the Pasir Gudan Highway.

Trapped between two extremes – fire and floods

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JOHOR BARU: With heavy rainfall leading to floods or extremely hot conditions causing forest fires – firemen are having their hands full trying to handle two different extremes caused by the changes in weather patterns.

The Fire and Rescue Department is now monitoring dozens of flood-prone areas and forest fire hotspots around the country, especially in Selangor, Pahang, Perak, Penang, Johor, Sabah and Sarawak, said its director-general Datuk Seri Mohammad Hamdan Wahid.

"All our 12,500 personnel from 327 fire stations nationwide have been put on alert as according to the Meteorology Department, the south-west monsoon is expected to bring about a dry spell until September.

"However, due to climate change, we have been getting reports of flooding in some parts of Selangor as well," he said after presenting certificates to outstanding firemen and volunteer firefighters here yesterday.

Mohammad Hamdan said the department was monitoring hotspots especially around forests, peat soil areas and landfills.

He added that the department would be using drones to carry out surveillance around hotspots as this would allow it to identify the exact areas which required firefighting and to effectively channel manpower.

He also urged landfill operators to be cautious and ensure fires did not start at their locations as extinguishing fires there was extremely challenging because it would need a lot of manpower and heavy machinery, since such fires could be deep below the surface.

"We also need to be careful about the toxic gases being emitted at these places, which can be dangerous to the nearby population," he said.

He also said most of the forest fires around the country were mainly "man-made", caused by those clearing land for agriculture activities or hikers and campers.

"People should also refrain from carrying out slash-and-burn activities during the dry spell as it can lead to haze if it gets out of hand," he said.

Asked about a Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) student who was found dead in her hostel room after possibly being electrocuted Mohammad Hamdan said th department would be carrying ou its own investigations.

He advised people to be carefu with having too many extensio points from one plug point as i could be dangerous.

"People need to check their elec trical appliances as some, like wate heaters, have a lifespan.

"We have cases where a husban gets electrocuted due to a fault water heater and the wife comin to save him is also shocked, result ing in both of their deaths," he said

KL banjir kilat lagi

Hujan lebat hampir dua jam menyebabkan sembilan lokasi di sekitar ibu negara ditenggelami air

Oleh AHMAD ISMADI ISMAIL

KUALA LUMPUR

Hujan lebat sejak jam 10.30 pagi dan berterusan hampir dua jam pada Rabu menyebabkan beberapa laluan di sekitar ibu negara dinaiki air.

Menerusi Facebook Polis KL memaklumkan, setakat jam 12.20 tengah hari, sebanyak sembilan lokasi terjejas iaitu Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah dari arah Jalan Ipoh, Jalan Imbi ke arah Jalan Sultan Ismail, Jalan Ipoh/Jalan Rahmat, Jalan Sultan Ismail/ Ampang dan Jalan Kampar off Jalan Sentul.

Menurut kenyataan itu, lokasi lain turut terjejas ialah Bulatan Dato, Kampung Periuk, Jalan Duta Mas dan Jalan Ampang serta Jalan Dang Wangi.

Ketua Jabatan Siasatan Penguatkuasaan Trafik Kuala Lumpur, Asisten Komisioner Sarifudin Mohd Salleh berkata, pihaknya dan petugas Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) bertungkus-lumus mengawal lalu lintas dan melakukan kerja-kerja mengeluarkan air di beberapa lokasi di sekitar ibu kota.

"Seramai 60 pegawai dan anggota JSPT Kuala Lumpur berada di lokasi dinaiki air sejak pagi tadi (Rabu)," katanya.

Sarifudin berkata, hujan lebat menyebabkan banjir selama 30 minit di Jalan Ampang berhampiran KLCC berikutan saluran longkang tersumbat," katanya.

Menurutnya, antara laluan yang dilaporkan dinaiki air disebabkan saluran air yang tersumbat adalah di Jalan Ampang dan Jalan Dang Wangi.

"Berdasarkan pemantauan kita mendapati air naik sehingga 0.6 meter namun keadaan kini terkawal," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Ketua Polis Daerah Dang Wangi, Asisten Komisioner Noor Dellhan Yahaya memaklumkan, tiada kemalangan jiwa dilaporkan berlaku semasa hujan lebat di sekitar Kuala Lumpur.

"Sehingga jam 1.30 petang air di semua kawasan yang mengalami banjir telah surut selepas hujan mula reda," katanya.

Beliau berkata, terdapat lapan lokasi *hotspot* yang sering berlaku banjir diberikan perhatian serius sebaik hujan lebat melanda Kuala Lumpur," katanya.

Anggota polis trafik mengawal lalu lintas di lokasi banjir sekitar ibu kota pada Rabu.

Petugas DBKL membersihkan saluran yang tersumbat di Jalan Besar Kepong.

Para petugas DBKL bersama jentera bertungkus-lumus mengalihkan air bertakung dan kawalan lalu lintas di Jalan Dutamas.

Anggota polis memantau lokasi *hotspot* yang sering berlaku banjir di ibu kota pada Rabu.

Pelajar cedera kena renjatan elektrik ketika banjir di Sekinchan

Lokasi mangsa terkena renjatan elektrik di Giat Mara Sekinchan dalam kejadian banjir kilat pada petang Rabu.

SEKINCHAN - Seorang pelajar lelaki cedera apabila terkena renjatan elektrik di Giat Mara Sekinchan di sini selepas institusi kemahiran itu dilanda banjir kilat pada petang Rabu.

Kejadian kira-kira jam 2 petang itu berlaku selepas mangsa berusia 19 tahun memegang sebuah corong peniup di kawasan berkenaan.

Pengarah Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Selangor, Norazam Khamis berkata, pihaknya menerima panggilan kecemasan daripada seorang guru pada jam 2.08 petang.

Norazam berkata, pemeriksaan mendapati pelajar berkenaan tidak sedarkan diri akibat terkena renjatan elektrik.

"Mangsa dihantar ke Hospital Tanjong Karang untuk menerima rawatan lanjut.

"Kami telah menjalankan pemeriksaan menyeluruh dan meminta pihak pengurusan premis menutup semua bekalan elektrik," katanya.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, tiada kemalangan jiwa lain dilaporkan dan keadaan kembali terkawal.

Hujan lebat lebih dua jam menyebabkan beberapa kawasan di Sekinchan dilanda banjir kilat pada Rabu.

Ahli Majlis Daerah Sabak Bernam, Noor Sulisiah Ampira Wani Miswan Alwi berkata, beberapa premis perniagaan di Pekan Sekinchan sudah digenangi air sejak jam 1 petang.

Selain itu menurutnya, beberapa rumah penduduk di sekitar Pekan Sekinchan turut dimasuki air.

"Hujan berterusan menyebabkan beberapa kawasan di Sekinchan mula dilimpahi air, bagaimanapun keadaan terkawal," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, Noor Sulisiah berkata, kawasan perumahan yang turut terkesan dalam kejadian banjir kilat itu ialah di Taman Sekinchan Jaya dan Taman Indah.

"Air naik terlalu cepat dan sukar dijangka. Ini merupakan kejadian banjir kilat terburuk pernah dialami di sini," jelasnya.

Sementara itu, pemilik akaun Facebook turut memuat naik video dan situasi banjir yang melanda beberapa kawasan di Sekinchan.

Menerusi satu rakaman video memperlihatkan keadaan jalan di kawasan lampu isyarat Pekan Sekinchan yang menyebabkan beberapa kenderaan terpaksa meredah banjir kilat.

Malah, menerusi rakaman itu terdapat sampah turut dihanyutkan banjir.

Ibu negara dilanda banjir kilat

Anggota polis, DBKL ke lokasi bersih longkang tersumbat

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Kuala Lumpur: Anggota polis dari Jabatan Siasatan Penguatkuasaan Trafik (JSPT) Kuala Lumpur dan petugas Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) bukan sahaja mengawal lalu lintas, malah turut membersihkan longkang tersumbat bagi melancarkan aliran air yang tersumbat di beberapa laluan di bandar raya ini berikutan hujan lebat pagi semalam.

Ketua JSPT Kuala Lumpur, Asisten Komisioner Sarifudin Mohd Salleh, berkata seramai 60 pegawai dan anggota berada di lokasi dinaiki air berikutan hujan lebat sejak jam 11 pagi hingga 1 tengah hari semalam.

"Di Jalan Ampang berhampiran pusat beli-belah KLCC, hujan lebat menyebabkan banjir kilat selama 30 minit apabila saluran longkang tersumbat.

"Anggota JSPT bersama petugas DBKL di kawasan itu berusaha mencari lubang yang tersekat dengan batu dan objek keras sebelum mengorek, sekali gus membolehkan air keluar dengan lancar," katanya kepada *BH* semalam.

Sarifudin berkata, antara laluan dinaiki air disebabkan saluran air tersumbat adalah di Jalan Ampang dan Jalan Dang Wangi.

"Pegawai dan anggota kita sedaya upaya mengorek lubang yang tersumbat untuk melancarkan laluan air bagi membolehkan setiap laluan berkenaan digunakan kembali seperti biasa.

"Berdasarkan pemantauan, kita mendapati air naik sehingga dua kaki, namun keadaan kini terkawal," katanya.

JSPT juga mengawasi lokasi lain yang turut dinaiki air seperti Jalan Duta Mas 2; Jalan Ipoh, Chow Kit dan lorong Balai Putra menuju ke Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah.

Semua pegawai dan anggota JSPT sentiasa berada dalam keadaan bersiap-sedia dalam menghadapi sebarang kemungkinan, terutama ketika hujan lebat dan waktu puncak.

Sehingga jam 1 tengah hari semalam, keadaan banjir dilaporkan dalam keadaan terkawal.

Anggota JSPT mencari saluran air tersumbat di Jalan Ampang, semalam. (Foto ihsan PDRM)

Keadaan banjir kilat di Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah. (Foto ihsan PDRM)

Drivers hog parking bay for disabled in city centre

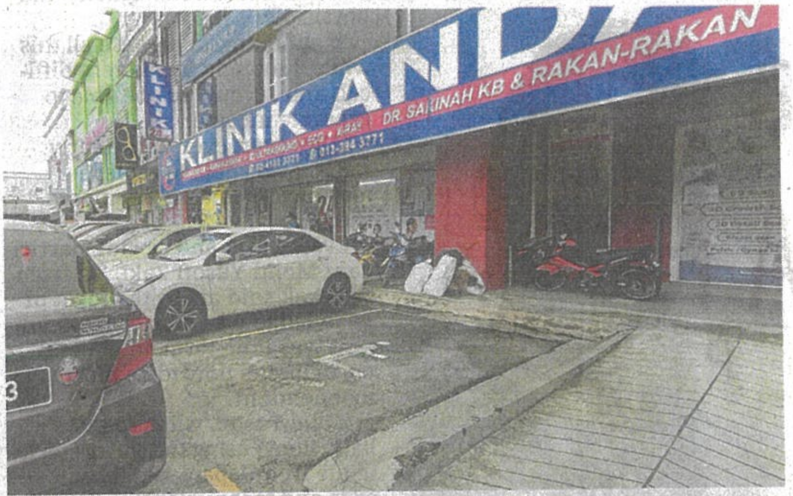
IRRESPONSIBLE motorists habitually park at a bay meant for the disabled in Lorong Dataran Wangsa in Wangsa Maju, Kuala Lumpur.

During *StarMetro*'s visit, a car was double-parked in front of a bay meant for the disabled at a clinic.

A passer-by claimed the marking on the bay had faded, making it less visible to motorists.

"It should be repainted and signage put up to inform motorists that it is meant for the disabled," he said.

Nor Syahira Md Zin said she saw a family with someone using a wheelchair having to park elsewhere when visiting the clinic because of the motorists' irresponsible actions.



A car double-parked in front of a bay meant for the disabled at Lorong Dataran Wangsa in Wangsa Maju, Kuala Lumpur.

Azra Rizal Noor Azman said Kuala Lumpur City Hall officers would patrol the area before the movement control order.

"They would issue summonses, but that stopped during the Covid-19 pandemic and I have not seen them since.

"There are also motorcycles parked on the five-foot-way in front of childcare centres."

Optometry shop worker Nor Izzati Mohd Nazim said the two-lane road could only accommodate one-way traffic.

"This is because many vehicles park on the road shoulder.

"DBKL personnel sometimes clamp the tyres of cars parked illegally but the problem persists," she said. — **By FARID WAHAB**

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DBKL sita dua rumah urut tanpa lesen

Kuala Lumpur: Dua rumah urut di Taman Connaught, Cheras dan Jalan Klang Lama di sini, disita Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) kerana menjalankan aktiviti tanpa lesen.

DBKL dalam kenyataan di Facebook memaklumkan, sepasukan anggota melakukan serbuan di dua premis berkenaan jam 9 malam kelmarin.

"Ketika serbuan pertama di Taman Connaught, terdapat empat pekerja warga Vietnam bersama seorang penjaga tempatan dan tiga pelanggan berada dalam premis.

"Siasatan mendapati premis berkenaan menjalankan aktiviti rumah urut tanpa kebenaran DBKL. Anggota mengeluarkan kompaun mengikut Undang-Undang Kecil (UKK) 3(1) UKK Perlesenan Tred Perniagaan dan Perindustrian Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (WPKL) 2016.

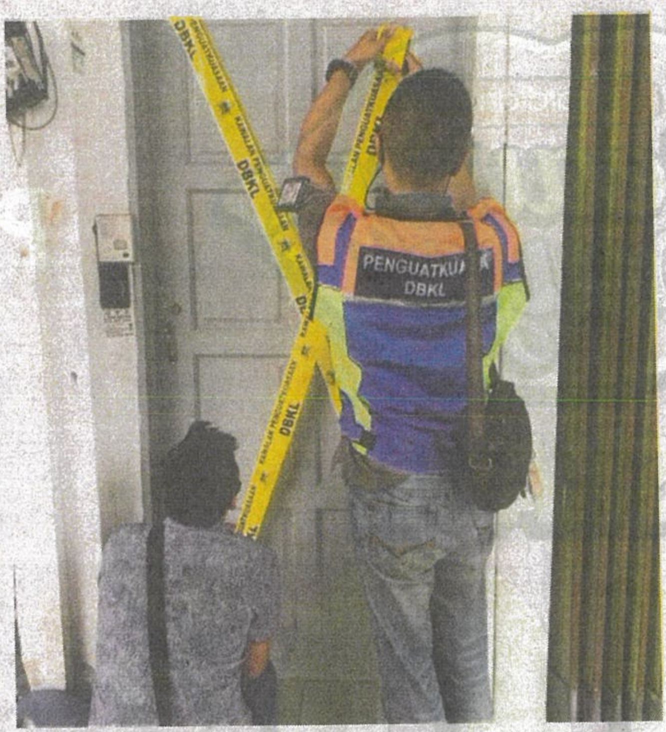
"Premis diambil tindakan sita mengikut Seksyen 101(1)(v) Akta Kerajaan Tempatan 1976," kata kenyataan itu.

Menurut kenyataan itu lagi, serbuan kedua di premis di Jalan Klang Lama juga mendapati pengusaha menjalankan aktiviti rumah urut tanpa kebenaran.

Malah, katanya, siasatan mendapati ada unsur aktiviti tidak bermoral dijalankan di premis berkenaan.

"Ketika serbuan hanya penjaga premis berada di dalam premis manakala pekerja tiada di lokasi," katanya.

DBKL kemudian mengeluarkan kompaun dan turut menyita premis berkenaan.



ANGGOTA penguat kuasa DBKL menyita rumah urut beroperasi tanpa lesen di Taman Connaught, Cheras dan Jalan Klang Lama.

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Lake Cabin lokasi baharu penggemar aktiviti berbasikal

FADHLUN (lima dari kiri) bergambar pada majlis pelancaran Lake Cabin di Pit Stop @ Anjung Floria, Presint 4, Putrajaya kelmarin.

PUTRAJAYA – Penggemar aktiviti berbasikal kini mempunyai lokasi baharu untuk dikunjungi apabila Lake Cabin di Pit Stop @Anjung Floria, Presint 4 di sini beroperasi secara rasmi mulai semalam.

Tarikan terbaharu itu merupakan sebuah premis pelbagai fungsi yang menawarkan kedai menyewa, menjual dan membaiki basikal termasuk sebuah kafe.

Naib Presiden Kanan Perbadanan Putrajaya (PPj), Datuk Fadhlun Mak Ujud berkata, Lake Cabin bermatlamat untuk menjadi nilai tambah kepada pembangunan di Putrajaya sebagai bandar rekreasi yang menawarkan kemudahan, ruang dan peluang untuk orang ramai melibatkan diri dalam aktiviti berbasikal.

"Ini adalah produk baharu di Putrajaya dan kepada penggemar aktiviti berbasikal, Lake Cabin adalah *pit stop* untuk mereka.

"Selama ini mereka sering berhenti di merata-rata tempat, tetapi dengan adanya pit stop, mereka yang ingin berbasikal boleh meletak basikal di kawasan khas sambil menikmati sarapan atau secawan kopi sebelum memulakan aktiviti," katanya selepas meninjau pelancaran Lake Cabin di sini kelmarin.

Hadir sama, Pengerusi Trillion Gold Peak Sdn. Bhd., Datuk SM Faisal SM Nasimuddin.

Fadhlun berkata, Lake Cabin juga bakal menjadi pusat penganjuran sebarang aktiviti berkaitan basikal yang akan dianjurkan pada masa akan datang di Putrajaya.

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FADHLUN Mak Ujud (lima dari kiri) bersama SM Faisal SM Nasimuddin (empat dari kanan) di hadapan Lake Cabin di Anjung Floria, Putrajaya. - UTUSAN/FAISOL MUSTAFA

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