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Squeezing through: Motorists trying to pass the Awan Besar toll plaza on the Kesas highway after eight of 14 lanes were flooded.

Deluge of misery

Flash floods hit the Klang Valley yesterday evening, submerging vehicles and causing traffic to come to a standstill. The floodwater eventually receded and cleanup has started, but Nadma also issued a warning about the water levels at some rivers around the city centre. With the spectre of the Dec 18 floods still fresh on the minds of many, social media was abuzz with concern and anxiety. > **See report on page 3**

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Destructive floods strike again

Storm leaves trail of destruction in Klang Valley and surrounding areas

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KUALA LUMPUR: Flash floods left a trail of destruction in the city and parts of Selangor after heavy downpours in the afternoon.

Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said he was informed six areas in the city were affected.

"The relevant ministries and agencies have taken immediate action to ensure the safety of Keluarga Malaysia. Please drive carefully in the rain and, if possible, avoid flooded areas," he said on Facebook and Twitter.

The Prime Minister also uploaded several pictures of rescue operations by various authorities.

The National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma), in a Facebook post, noted that areas in the city centre including Jalan Sultan Ismail, Jalan Ampang, Jalan Leboh Ampang, Jalan Raja Laut, Jalan Kia Peng and Jalan Raja Chulan were inundated yesterday.

It also pointed out that the Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) had issued a thunderstorm warning at 1.35pm.

"It had forecast heavy rains and strong winds in Kuala Selangor, Hulu Selangor, Klang, Gombak, Petaling, Kuala Langat, Hulu Langat and Sepang," it added.

Tenaga Nasional Bhd was forced to shut off the electricity supply to some 40 substations around Klang Valley due to the heavy deluge.

This was done to ensure the safety of its users in affected areas, it said on its Facebook page.

Water rose as high as 2m in Jalan Kuchai Lama, leaving 12 cars stranded with some drivers having to escape to the roof of their vehicles.

"All victims affected were rescued and brought to a safe location," the City Fire and Rescue Department said in a statement.

Brickfields OCPD Asst Comm Amihizam Abdul Shukur said a police patrol car was swept away by floodwaters in Kuchai Lama.

He said the vehicle was parked at



Water damage: A flash flood partially submerging vehicles at a parking lot in Jalan Kia Peng near the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. — Bernama

a police beat base at about 3.30pm, as the two policemen wanted to perform their prayers.

"However, heavy rain and storm resulted in a flood.

"They tried to get out of the area but the vehicle was submerged up to tyres. Both managed to get away safely," he said.

ACP Amihizam said the vehicle was later brought to the Brickfields police headquarters once the water had receded.

Cheras OCPD Asst Comm Muhammad Idzam Jaafar said floods affected several areas including Sunway Velocity Mall, Jalan Tasek Selatan, Kesas Highway (near Awan Naik), the Bukit Jalil police station, Jalan Chan Sow Lin, Salak Selatan, Bukit Jalil Highway and MRR2 near Terminal Bersepadu Selatan (TBS).

He said four trees fell on 24 vehicles parked outside Universiti



No way through: Vehicles stranded on the road and blocking traffic after floods receded in Kuchai Lama. — IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre (HCM).

Forty children and their teachers had to be rescued by firemen

from a childcare centre along Jalan Cheras Batu 2 1/2.

Firefighters also evacuated 100 people in the Kampung Pasir area

in Kuala Lumpur.

In Selangor, state Fire and Rescue Department director Norazam Khamis said floods had been reported in Sungai Buloh and Kampung Gombak.

"So far, reports have come from Bandar Baru Sungai Buloh and Kampung Gombak, Kampung Melayu and Kampung Melayu in Batu Arang," he said.

Meanwhile, thousands of motorists were gridlocked in the Klang Valley. Normahizan Kasim, 62, who was driving home to Setiawangsa from Cyberjaya, decided to turn back after reaching Bukit Jalil via the Maju Expressway.

"I was unaware that floodwaters were rising everywhere until my son called, telling me to stay put until the water recedes," she said.

Auditor Siti Nur Ain Zainal, 29, said she decided to leave her office in Shah Alam later than usual to avoid the traffic and floods.

"I took the Elite highway instead of my usual route via the Federal Highway to go back to my home in Semenyih," she said.

Hafiz Abdullah, 34, who was driving home to Ukay Perdana from Taman Melawati, was shocked to see roads flooded up to the curbs.

"Everyone was driving slowly to prevent getting stuck in the water," he said, while expressing frustration at the frequent floods.

Videos and photos emerged yesterday on social media showing flooded roads in the city yesterday.

The Integrated Transport Information System, in a statement on its official Facebook page, said the Smart tunnel was closed for flood operations.

In Pudu, a dried goods store sales manager Teryne Lee, 38, said water flooded the porch around 3pm.

"This is the worst flood I have faced after more than 10 years here. The authorities should check on the drainage system here," she said.



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Keadaan Sungai Klang berhampiran Stesen LRT Masjid Jamek.

(Foto ihsan pembaca)

Lembah Klang dilanda banjir kilat

Jalan raya terputus hubungan akibat ditenggelami air selepas hujan lebat sejak jam 3 petang

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Kuala Lumpur: Hujan lebat yang berterusan lebih dua jam mulai 3 petang, menyebabkan banyak kawasan sekitar Lembah Klang, termasuk ibu kota ini, dilanda banjir kilat.

Banjir kilat itu menyebabkan ribuan kenderaan ditenggelami banjir, sama ada di tempat terbuka atau berada ruang parkir bawah bangunan.

Lebuhraya dan jalan raya sekitar ibu kota yang terputus hubungan akibat ditenggelami banjir juga menyebabkan kesesakan teruk berlaku.

Susulan banjir kilat yang melanda, Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, berkata Kementerian dan agensi berkaitan sudah diarah mengambil langkah segera memastikan keselamatan Keluarga Malaysia.

Masa sama, beliau menasihatkan orang ramai agar mengelak daripada melalui kawasan banjir kilat dan berhati-hati memandu ketika hujan.

Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (NADMA) berkata, antara kawasan dinaiki air termasuk sekitar Balai Polis Dang Wangi

membabitkan Jalan Sultan Ismail, Jalan Ampang, Jalan Leboh Ampang, Jalan Raja Laut dan Jalan Kia Peng/Jalan Raja Chulan.

NADMA berkata, sungai melepasi paras amaran pula di Sentul-Sungai Batu, Jambatan Sulaiman-Sungai Klang, Lebuhraya Pasir-Sungai Klang dan Jalan Parlimen-Sungai Gombak, manakala sungai melepasi aras bahaya membabitkan Jalan Tun Razak-Sungai Gombak.

"Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (METMalaysia) mengeluarkan amaran ribut petir pada jam 1.35 tengah hari semalam, di mana hujan lebat dan angin kencang dijangka di Selangor membabitkan Kuala Selangor, Hulu Selangor, Klang, Gombak, Petaling, Kuala Langat, Hulu Langat dan Sepang.

"Turut terkesan Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya, selain Negeri Sembilan (Jelebu, Seremban, Port Dickson, Kuala Pilah dan Rembau) serta Melaka (Alor Gajah) sehingga jam 5 petang. Amaran dikemas kini pada jam 2.50 petang dan 4 petang," katanya.

NADMA mengingatkan orang awam supaya sentiasa mengambil langkah berjaga-jaga, peka dengan keadaan sekeliling dan mengutamakan keselamatan diri ketika banjir berlaku.

Sementara itu, Info Trafik Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) menerusi ciapan di laman Twitter rasminya memaklumkan banjir kilat turut melanda enam kawasan iaitu Terowong Tabung Haji, Terowong Chan Sow Lin, Jalan Pudu, Jalan Sri Permaisuri, Jalan Tun Razak dan Jalan Pahang.

Dalam pada itu, ITIS DBKL tu-

rut memaklumkan Terowong SMART ditutup sepenuhnya bagi persediaan operasi banjir.

Sementara itu, banyak jalan ditutup susulan banjir kilat yang melanda kebanyakan kawasan ibu negara mengakibatkan kesesakan teruk di jalan-jalan utama.

ITIS DBKL memaklumkan kesesakan berlaku dari Bandar Tasik Selatan ke Desa Tun Razak; dari Ampang ke Ukay Perdana; dari Ukay Perdana ke Ampang bagi pengguna yang menggunakan Lebuhraya Kuala Lumpur-Tengah 2 (MRR2).

Aliran trafik juga perlahan dari Petronas/Shell TPM ke Tol Sungai Besi membabitkan laluan Lebuhraya Kuala Lumpur-Seremban.

Dalam pada itu, pengguna twitter turut berkongsi gambar dan video aliran trafik terjejas berikutan banjir di MRT Kuchai Lama yang sedang dalam pembinaan dengan banyak kenderaan ditenggelami air.



Banjir di Kampung Periuk, Kampung Baru akibat hujan lebat, petang semalam.

(Foto Fathil Asri/BH)



Pusat Pemindahan Sementara (PPS) Dewan Kelab Sultan Sulaiman dibuka dan kerja pemindahan dibantu anggota Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah serta Balai Polis Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

(Foto ihsan FB NADMA)



Motosikal tenggelam dan orang ramai terpaksa mengharung air di sekitar Masjid Jamek, Kuala Lumpur.



Banyak kenderaan ditenggelami air dalam kejadian banjir kilat di kawasan letak kereta berhampiran KLCC.

(Foto ihsan pembaca)

Garis kemiskinan negara jangka dipinda 2023

Berita Harian 8/3/23 (Selasa) m/s: 2

Kuala Lumpur: Garis kemiskinan negara sedang disemak semula dan jangka dipinda pada awal tahun depan.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Ekonomi), Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, berkata, se-makan itu dilaksanakan Jabatan

kerajaan mengenal pasti kedudukan sosioekonomi dan jurang pembangunan, seterusnya menjadi input bagi pengubahan dasar, strategi dan inisiatif bagi meningkatkan kesejahteraan masyarakat.

"Buat masa ini, kadar garis kemiskinan pada peringkat nasional bagi satu keluarga ialah RM2,208, manakala bagi miskin tegar sebanyak RM1,169," katanya



Mustapa Mohamed

Abu Dzar RA meriwayatkan Nabi SAW bersabda: "Setiap orang mempunyai sumber sedekah. Setiap tasbih, tahmid, tahlil dan takbir adalah sedekah. Amar makruf sedekah, nahi munkar sedekah. Dan semuanya itu sama nilainya dengan dua rakaat solat Dhuha." (HR Muslim)

KAWASAN	SUBUH	ZUHUR	ASAR	MAGHRIB	ISYAK
Kangar	6:20	1:32	4:47	7:32	8:41
Alor Setar	6:20	1:32	4:46	7:32	8:41
P. Pinang	6:20	1:32	4:46	7:32	8:41
Ipoh	6:18	1:30	4:42	7:30	8:39
Kuala Lumpur	6:15	1:27	4:39	7:28	8:37
Shah Alam	6:15	1:27	4:39	7:28	8:37
Johor Bahru	6:06	1:18	4:28	7:20	8:29
Kuantan	6:09	1:21	4:33	7:22	8:31
Seremban	6:13	1:25	4:36	7:27	8:36
Bandar Melaka	6:12	1:24	4:35	7:26	8:35
Kota Bharu	6:13	1:24	4:39	7:25	8:30
K. Terengganu	6:09	1:21	4:34	7:21	8:30
Kota Kinabalu	5:18	12:30	3:44	6:31	7:40
Kuching	5:41	12:53	4:03	6:55	8:04

ratus pada tahun 2020.

"Pekali Gini juga dianggarkan meningkat daripada 0.407 kepada 0.411. Penularan COVID-19 beri impak yang besar kepada pendapatan isi rumah 8.4 peratus," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, beliau berkata, berdasarkan perbezaan dalam lima dekad juga mendapati kadar kemiskinan di bandar menurun daripada 21.3 peratus kepada 3.8 peratus dan kadar kemiskinan di luar bandar menurun daripada 58.7 peratus kepada 12.4 peratus.

"Di samping itu, Pekali Gini berjaya dikurangkan daripada 0.513 kepada 0.407 dalam tempoh sama.

"Nilai Pekali Gini berada antara 0 dan 1, iaitu 0 menunjukkan agihan pendapatan yang saksama, manakala nilai 1 menunjukkan agihan pendapatan yang paling tidak saksama," katanya.

Menjawab soalan tambah Kok Wai mengenai kumpulan miskin tegar membabitkan wanita, katanya, kerajaan akan melaksanakan program menghapuskan

miskin tegar bandar membabitkan ketua isi rumah wanita mulai April ini di beberapa Projek Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) di ibu negara.

Katanya, sebagai permulaan program itu dilaksanakan dengan kerjasama Kementerian Wilayah Persekutuan dan Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) serta universiti tempatan.

"Kita memilih PPR kerana ramai ada ramai yang didiami penduduk ketua isi rumah mereka ialah wanita.

"Program ini menggunakan pendekatan yang khusus dan holistik, kerjasama banyak pihak selaras dengan sasaran kita untuk menghapuskan miskin tegar menjelang 2025," katanya.

Menjawab soalan Datuk Seri Azizah Mohd Dun (PN-Beaufort), mengenai jurang kemiskinan Semenanjung dan Sabah dan Sarawak, katanya, kerajaan komited merapatkan jurang itu dan sudah ada beberapa perundingan mengenai dilaksanakannya.

Katanya, untuk itu 10 kawasan masing-masing di Sabah dan Sarawak dipilih dalam projek rintisan menangani miskin tegar ini.