Flooding ravage Klang Valley

Teen killed after being trapped in heavy mud

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KUALA LUMPUR: Flash floods caused by a heavy downpour created havoc in certain parts of Klang Valley, damaging houses, creating bumper-to-bumper crawlies and even landslides which resulted in the death of a 13-year-old boy.

Raja Mohd Irfan Raja Azlan was pronounced dead at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital at 11.50pm. He was earlier trapped in heavy mud.

A Fire and Rescue department spokesperson said the boy was alive when firemen saved and rushed him to the hospital.

A neighbour identified as Zahara said the victim was playing behind his house at Jalan Brickfield, Klang, when the tragedy occurred.

Elsewhere, furious motorists found themselves in a crawl while many residents in Ampang struggled with massive cleaning up throughout the night after floodwater gushed into their homes following the flash floods.

The heavy downpour yesterday evening had caused the banks of dozens of drains to overflow.

Iwan Abdulllah (pic) was about to go out to celebrate his 51st birthday when he was horrified to see flood waters rushing into his living room.

Like the other residents at the Lorong Kolam Air Lama in Ampang Jaya, Iwan was wading ankle-deep in water when floodwaters, which had overflowed from a nearby drain, filled their houses.

Having experienced this twice before, Iwan was furious as he had already lodged numerous complaints about the drain to the local council.

Meanwhile, Ampang Wanita Umno division chief Dr Rozaidah Talib said: “Some 400 people have been left stranded and currently are temporarily staying at Lembeh Jaya Utara surau.”

Other areas like Lebuhr Ampang, Jalan Pinang, Kampung Baru, Ampang, Taman Kosas, Jalan Bangsar and Jalan Sultan Ismail were also temporarily inundated by floods.

Netizens who were caught in traffic tweeted continuously about the floods, thunderstorm and bumper-to-bumper crawlies.

Many shared their updates and frustrations through Twitter page, including those about fallen trees and stalled cars.

Netizen @moeet371 tweeted about the flash floods on Jalan Sultan Ismail, and said: “Many cars have died... Be careful guys.”

Some lamented that floods were a common occurrence after heavy downpours.

Another found a light moment despite the chaos.

“Well done, storm. Please leave office early so if it rains like this again tomorrow? Please be gone... Heavy rain, floods. I am not a good swimmer,” tweeted @mahar, 9am in Malay.

The Drainage and Irrigation Department Public Information website also alerted about flood happening at Dasun Tua Batu 30, Hulu Langat at 10.05am yesterday.

Swift getaway: Motorcyclists escaping the flash floods on their bikes in Jalan Dato' Wanul last night.