Flood havoc in Klang Valley

RUSH-HOUR DISRUPTION: LRT service halted, firemen rescue those trapped

TWO-HOUR downpour in the Klang Valley yesterday evening led to flash floods, causing massive traffic jams and damage to property.

Rush-hour traffic was at its worst as massive jams were reported in Jalan Ampang, the Dutub-Ulu Kelang Expressway, Jalan Kuching, the Jalan Duta flyover, the roundabout in Petaling Jaya Old Town, Jalan Ipoh and Jalan Kinabalu.

Flash floods struck Jalan Kampung Pauh, Sentul, Jelek, Taman Nirvana and Taman Tasek Permai, Ampang, Jalan Yaakob Latif, Cheras, Kampung Setia Jaya, Setapak, Lembah Karamat, Jalan Ipoh and Kajang.

Light Rail Transit commuters from Salak Selatan to Seti Petaling were left stranded when the service was shut down for more than one hour because of flooding at a traction power substation at the Salak Selatan LRT station.

Dozens of RapidKL buses were deployed to ferry stranded commuters.

A Fire and Rescue Department official said three people were trapped in a taxi along Jalan Salak Selatan at 3pm after water levels on the road rose rapidly. The level rose to 2m, causing the taxi driver to call for help.

"We rescued the two women and a taxi driver by boat," he added.

The SMART Tunnel was closed to traffic until further notice as the storm-water management system was put into action.

A Civil Defence Department official said several landslips at Jalan S/O in Taman Supreme, Cheras and in Kampung Cheran Baru, Ampang, trapped two cars in mud. No casualties were reported.

A van was also damaged after an uprooted tree fell on the vehicle at the Sungai Besi roundabout and many similar cases were reported, including in Flat Sri Johor, Bandar Tun Razak here.

In Shah Alam, a few low-lying areas in the city were temporarily flooded after it rained non-stop from 1pm to late evening yesterday.

The flood warning sirens, by the