

# Flood havoc in Brickfields



These pupils in Brickfields are forced to wade through waist-deep waters following flash floods in the area yesterday.

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Flash floods following a downpour resulted in a massive traffic jam along Jalan Bangsar heading towards Brickfields yesterday evening.

Many motorists and pedestrians were stranded and students who had just finished afternoon school were greeted with waist-deep floodwaters. They had to wade through the water to get home.

The floodwaters receded about 7pm but left a 50-me-

tre long crack in Jalan Tun Sambanthan. The shops along the road were also badly affected.

Among them was an exotic pet shop, where carcasses of mongooses lay motionless in cages.

From the watermarks on the wall it was obvious that the floodwaters had risen and drowned the creatures.

Federal Territory MIC chief Datuk M. Saravanan, who is also the Federal Territories Deputy Minister, showed up at 7pm along with City Hall officers and got to work assessing the damage.

"This is the fourth time in eight months that something like this has happened.

"This is a busy commercial area and floods are a problem and affects the traders and motorists," Saravanan said.

In Shah Alam, Bernama reports that about 200 people from 50 families were evacuated from their houses in four villages in Dengkil after the Sungai Langat burst its banks following heavy rain.

Sepang district officer Mohd Amin Ahmad Ahya said 18 families took shelter at the Semarang civic centre while the

rest took refuge at the houses of their relatives.

The affected villages were Kampung Semarang, Revolusi Hijau, Lalang and Sri Tanjung. The district office was informed of the floods at 5am and the level of Sungai Langat had receded by 7pm, he said.

He said the district office would give RM300 to each family and the Selangor Tite Board would also disburse aid.

Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim went to the affected areas at 8.30pm.