

Landslide danger in Kg Cheras Baru

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KUALA LUMPUR: A four-hour rainstorm wreaked havoc in the city, causing flash floods and landslides, and uprooting trees at several locations.

The downpour, which started at 3pm, caused a landslide at the base of an abandoned hillslope condominium project in Kampong Cheras Baru, raising fears that it may collapse.

Water was seen gushing from what is believed to be a burst drain at the site.

The landslide is located near a flood retention pond next to a Chinese temple at the end of Jalan 13.

A resident said the landslide started a week ago but became worse after yesterday's downpour.

"I heard loud noises coming from the hills surrounding the condominium during the heavy rain," said the resident.

He said the condominium was developed by Talam Corporation and had never been completed. It was abandoned six years ago.

A Civil Defence Department (JPA3) team was dispatched to help residents affected by the flash flood. They also monitored slope movement at the site.

In nearby Jalan 9, about 20 houses were partially submerged under 1.2m of water.

A tree was uprooted at Wisma Tani near Putra World Trade Centre, causing a massive jam as office workers tried to get home.

Several motorists called the *New Straits Times* office complaining that traffic in Jalan Tun Razak was not moving for almost an hour.

Another tree fell near the Rain Tree Club in Jalan Ampang Hilir, causing another traffic jam.

City Hall Emergency Squad spokesman said they had dispatched a team to remove the uprooted trees which were blocking the roads.

There were no reports of injuries or damaged cars at press time.



The abandoned project where the landslide occurred. — Picture by Amran Hamid