

# KERATAN AKHBAR

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A resident of Kampung Sekolah Juru in Bukit Mertajam pointing to the roof of his house that is being repaired yesterday after a storm last Friday. PIC BY RAMOZAN MASJAM



Damage caused by the storm on Friday in George Town. FILE PIC

## STORM AFTERMATH

# Penang local councils need more time to clear uprooted trees

**GEORGE TOWN:** Penang is still clearing up debris left behind by a devastating storm that hit the island last Friday.

State Housing and Local Government Committee chairman

Jagdeep Singh Deo said local councils would need time to clear the 659 uprooted trees reported around the state.

On the mainland, he said the Seberang Prai Municipal Council

(MPSP) had cut down 391 uprooted trees and transported them out of the affected areas. On the island, he said Penang Island City Council (MBPP) had cut down 244 trees.

"Until today, clearing up works are still ongoing with both MBPP and MPSP settling over 90 per cent of the problem. It will take a few more days for them to completely clear the fallen trees."

Last Friday, torrential rain and winds generated by the tailend of Typhoon Lekima struck Perlis, Kedah and Penang, resulting in more than 3,000 properties being damaged.