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The flash flood along Persiaran Kewajipan in Subang Jaya on Thursday evening was caused by heavy rain.

Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) deputy president Mohd Zulkarnain Che Ali said intense rainfall during the short period contributed to the flash flood.

"The main drain at Persiaran Subang to Sungai Klang flowed at a high velocity while the secondary main drain at Persiaran Murpi, Persiaran Perpaduan and Jalan Mulia suffered head loss and could not cope with volume of water, resulting in flash flood at the junctions of Persiaran Kewajipan, Persiaran Perpaduan and Persiaran Tujuan.

"We checked that the drains along Persiaran Kewajipan. They were not clogged. The drains just did not have the capacity to cope with the heavy rain.

"While there are no data stations (for rainfall calculation) in Subang Jaya, it is estimated that the rainfall was around 100mm on Thursday," he said.

## Unusual downpour reason for Subang Jaya flash flood

The downpour began around 4.15pm and subsided around 6.45pm.

Videos of cars being swept away by the flood went viral on social media.

MPSJ deployed its Squad Pantas and staff from relevant departments like engineering, environment, landscape and enforcement to help deal with the situation.

The police also helped monitor traffic during the incident.

Mohd Zulkarnain said, "As a long-term measure, MPSJ will widen the drains along Persiaran Kewajipan.

"For the time being, we will monitor the situation, especially during a downpour and check if there are blockages that were not visible during dry periods. If needed, we will close Persiaran Kewajipan and divert traffic with the police's help."

It is estimated that 10 vehicles were stranded in the flash floods but IPD Subang Jaya in USJ 8 only received one report.

Following the downpour, MPSJ received six complaints of fallen trees at Persiaran Kewajipan (in front of Summit USJ), Jalan USJ 3/1C, Jalan SS18/4A, Jalan Wawasan 2/S, Pusat Bandar Puchong; Pangsapuri Seroja, Puchong and Jalan Tiong 3, Bandar Puchong Jaya.

MPSJ also received reports that the rooftops of three houses in Taman Batu Tiga were damaged during the thunderstorm with estimated damage of RM5,000. The victims are currently staying with relatives while complaints of damages have been forwarded to the District Disaster Management Agency for further action.

The public can call 03-8024 7700 (MPSJ) to lodge complaints or seek feedback.



Heavy rain has been identified as the reason for the flash flood in SS14, Subang Jaya.



Mohd Zulkarnain (right) explaining the flood situation to the media during a site visit yesterday.