

# Ministry issues flood warning

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Marooned: A flash flood that inundated Segambut last week after heavy rain in Kuala Lumpur.

PETALING JAYA: Communities in low-lying areas and coastal parts of the country are urged to be alert during the transitional phase of the monsoon, which is bringing heavy rainfall and with it risks of flash floods and structural damage.

The transition phase, which started late September and will last until early next month, puts the coastal areas at risk especially if continuous heavy rainfall coincided with the high tide, said the Water, Land and Natural Resources Ministry.

It also warned that the frequency of flash floods occurring will increase especially in low-lying areas, with flash floods having been reported in Perak, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur of late.

“According to the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) weather forecast, the country is experiencing the monsoon transition period until early next month.

“During this phase, thunderstorms, heavy rainfall and strong winds within a short period of time especially in the late evenings, will occur frequently.

“The east coast of the peninsular and parts of Sabah and Sarawak will be exposed to the same situation,” said the ministry in a statement yesterday.

The ministry urged state authorities to conduct frequent inspections on drainage systems in their areas and also on the rivers and drains to ensure the water flow is free of blockage.

“Those staying in areas prone to flash floods and also in low-lying areas are urged to always be on alert about the rainfall throughout this period,” said the ministry.

Rainfall and river water levels can be monitored via website [publicinfobanjir.water.gov.my](http://publicinfobanjir.water.gov.my).

The regional haze situation affecting Malaysia is improving during the monsoon transition phase as most areas in the country will receive weak winds from various