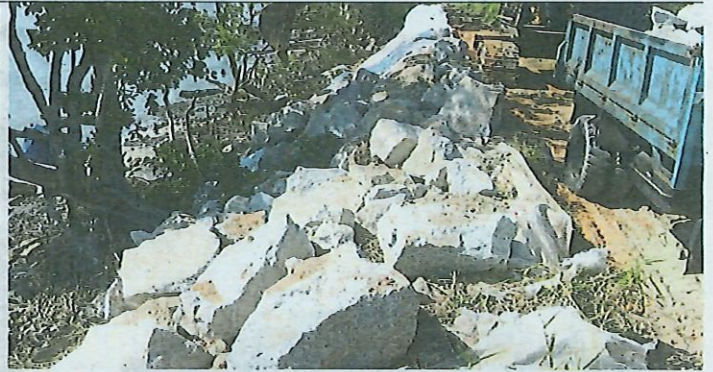




In last year's high tide incident, the sea water caused a minor flash flood outside the Pulau Ketam jetty in Port Klang. — Filepic



Last year, the bunds at Sungai Lang in Sabak Bernam were reinforced by the state Drainage and Irrigation Department. — Filepic

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COASTAL areas in Selangor are on alert as high tides of 5.5m to 5.7m are set to occur this Sunday.

The high tide phenomena is supposed to last until Oct 30.

According to the Malaysian Meteorological Department, scattered thunderstorms forecasted in Selangor, are expected with strong winds to lash the coastal areas.

People have been warned to keep away from the seaside and rivers.

Fishermen have been told not to venture into sea as it is predicted to be choppy with high tides and people are also advised not to go to beaches or the seashore because of the rough sea conditions.

Selangor district officers have been notified to draw up a disaster plan in preparation for floods.

Five areas expected to be affected are Klang, Kuala Langat, Sepang, Kuala Selangor and Sabak Bernam.

In preparation for what is labelled as a "high-level disaster", the state government issued an advisory to those living in Klang, Kuala Langat, Sepang, Kuala Selangor and Sabak Bernam, urging residents along the coast to pay heed to the authorities' broadcasts to relocate to designated relief centres when needed.

Klang district officer Mohd Zainal Mohd Nor said the National Hydrographic Centre in Port Klang reported that of the four-day high tide, two days are forecasted to be the highest tide level.

"On Oct 28 at 5.53am, the tide will hit 5.7m and on Oct 29 at 6.33am again it will record 5.7m. On the final day it will be 5.6m at 7.08am.

"If heavy rain and strong wind conditions take place, the risks of a flood would increase," he said.

Mohd Zainal added that people living close to rivers and coastal areas are advised to be vigilant, especially if it rains continuously.

"The centre predicts that the level of the high tide should not breach the bunds. If water were to overflow the bunds, it may flow into the scupper drains," he said.

In the event of a crisis, Mohd Zainal will assume the role of Klang District Disaster Management chief.

Areas particularly vulnerable to floods due to the tidal waves in Klang are Pengkalan Tok Muda, Bund Sementa, Bund Sungai Keramat, Mile 5 Jalan Kapar, Jalan Pandamaran, Taman Selat Damai in Pendaran, Kampung Perepat – Fishermen's Jetty, Northport in Port Klang, Pulau Ketam and Telok Gong.

For Kuala Langat, the areas expected to be affected are Pantai Kelanang and Persisir Pantai Tanjung Sepat while in Sepang the areas are Persisir Pantai Bagan Lalang.

Areas in Sabak Bernam are Tebuk Mendeling, Sungai Ayer

'Draw up disaster plan'

Selangor's district officers in coastal areas told to take charge and prepare for possible floods due to high tides this weekend



Firemen monitoring the water level at Fishermen's Jetty at Kampong Tok Muda in Kapar.

High tide time in Selangor		
Date	Time	Height
Oct 27	5.10am	5.5m
	5.33pm	5.1m
Oct 28	5.53am	5.7m
	6.15pm	5.2m
Oct 29	6.33am	5.7m
	6.54pm	5.2m
Oct 30	7.08am	5.6m
	7.32pm	5.1m



Mohd Zainal (left) and Samsol (right) discussing on preparations for the weekend high tide in Meru, Klang.

Tawar and Sungai Panjang while Kuala Selangor the areas were Tanjung Karang, Kampung Kuantan, Pantai Remis and Pekan Sungai Buloh.

Klang Fire and Rescue Department headquarters zone chief Samsol Maarif Saibani said all stations in the district were on high alert and are being equipped and prepared to handle any disaster.

Samsol added that the bunds

constructed along Jalan Tepi Sungai, Klang and Kampung Tok Muda Mile 5, Jalan Kapar should be able to hold back the water.

Klang District Fire and Rescue headquarters based off Persiaran Raja Muda Musa has three stations namely Jalan Tengku Kelana, Taman Seri Andalas and Sungai Pinang in Jalan Kapar.

Samsol said the areas would be monitored for possible flooding, a day earlier.

The fire stations were equipped with boats and life jackets while the Klang fire station even has an amphibious boat with retractable wheels that could be operated on land and water.

Samsol added that all equipment to assist with relief work were on standby, including boats and life jackets, while the Port Klang Fire and Rescue department has an amphibious boat with retractable wheels and an outboard motor that

could be operated on land and water.

In the event of an emergency, the Klang District Civil Defence, Klang district police headquarters, Klang Municipal Council and district offices will spring into action.

Klang Municipal Council enforcement head Andry Arman Masrom, who is in charge of the council's Swift Action Task Force (Pantas), said his men were ready to help if flash floods hit the town.