

ENGINE DIES

## ENGINEER TRAPPED ON VEHICLE ROOF FOR 2 HOURS

He climbs onto roof of 4WD to save himself from rising floodwaters

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**R**ISING floodwaters saw an engineer trapped on the roof of his four-wheel-drive for two hours before he was rescued.

In the 5.15am incident, Lor Wei Keong, 43, was on his way to Kuantan, Pahang, for work when floodwaters in Batu 13, Jalan Kota Tinggi-Mersing, cut him off.

Thinking that he could drive through the flooded road, he made an attempt.

"The water level was half way

up my vehicle tyres and I thought I could cross it.

"Unfortunately, the vehicle was trapped in the floodwaters, which were rising rapidly.

"I scrambled to the front passenger side and opened its window before clambering up on top of the roof.

"The vehicle's engine then died."

Lor said he was trapped on the roof of his vehicle for two hours before he was spotted by road users, who called the Fire and Rescue Department.

A Johor Fire and Rescue Department official said the victim was rescued at 7.30am with a boat.

In KOTA TINGGI, some 200 motorists in Jalan Kota Tinggi-Mersing were stranded for 24 hours due to rising floodwaters.

The Fire and Rescue Department had activated a forward-control post and had deployed two boats to rescue the trapped motorists.



Fire and Rescue Department personnel rescuing Lor Wei Keong (centre) from the roof of his four-wheel-drive in Batu 13, Jalan Kota Tinggi-Mersing, Johor, yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT