

Brace for floods as planets line up

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PORT KLANG: The spring high tide phenomenon is expected to reach its peak tomorrow with the possibility of floods in several areas.

Low-lying areas near Sekinchan, Sungai Nibong, Sungai Besar, Sungai Lang and Sabak, Tanjung Karang and

Bagan Pasir may see waves breaching the shore.

Several flood-prone areas along Sungai Damansara, which includes TTDI Jaya and Batu Tiga in Shah Alam, are also on alert.

Heavy rain may compound the effect of the phenomenon that occurs when the Earth, sun and moon are lined up together.

The Kuala Selangor district office opened its natural disaster operations room at midnight on Thursday while the Sabak Bernam district office opened theirs yesterday.

Sabak Bernam district officer Huzaini Samsi said the situation was expected to worsen today.

Kuala Selangor district officer Abdul Malik Mohd Amin

said he patrolled flood-risk areas yesterday but found no flooding.

"The risk of flooding will happen if there is heavy rain at the same time."

The worst case of high tides occurred in 1999 when half of Port Klang was under a metre of water.

It happened again in 2002 but with minimal effect.