



A dog seeking refuge from the flood waters on an old box in Klang yesterday. — NST picture by Che Rani Che Din

Knee-high in water as spring tide peaks

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PORT KLANG: Several areas here were flooded up to the knee level when the spring high tide phenomenon reached its peak early yesterday.

Bunds at Tanjung Harapan here and Kampung Sungai Pinang in Kapar gave way at some sections, causing flooding to several houses.

Roads were also closed when some stretches became impassable to light vehicles after the tide began to rise about 6am.

Klang Municipal Council president Abdul Bakir Zin said among the affected roads were Jalan Foreshore, Jalan Limbungan and Jalan Pelabuhan Utara.

The Port Klang police station, the Marine Department building, the port at Southpoint and the Royal Selangor Yacht Club were also flooded.

He said the tide rose to 6.2 metres, 0.2 metres higher than predicted, but no evacuation of victims was carried out.

A lot of rubbish was left on the roads when the water started receding about 7am.

KTM Bhd Komuter service was also affected as the tracks at the Port Klang station were flooded. Services stopped at the Jalan Kastam station.

The five-day phenomenon started on Friday as the earth, sun and moon came in line, causing the unusually high tides.

Authorities along the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia are fully prepared for floods and local authorities have opened their natural disaster operation rooms to monitor the situation.

Port Klang saw the worst floods in 1999 when half the town was under about half a metre of water.