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Floods hit 5000 in KL

Rush from homes as water pours in


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Thousands of people were driven from their home here in the early hours of this morning when floods hit several areas after a heavy downpour.


The worst affected



areas were the Lake Gardens, Kenny Hill, Ipoh Road, Maxwell Road, Ampang Road, Setapak, Kampong Bharu and Bungsar.

Hundreds of huts were almost submerged, while water poured into many houses in these areas.

The water began to rise at about 1 a.m. today after several hours of continuous rain accompanied by lightning and thunder.



At fashionable Kenny Hill, the water level in some of the houses was about two feet.

The Maxwell Road wholesale market was under four feet of water and the fire station about 50 yards away was also flooded.

Though rain stopped this morning, water in some areas receded very slowly. At least 5000 people were affected.





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
partment spokesman said this morning the floods were due to convection as a result of atmospheric instability.

He said it would carry on for "possibly two or three more days" before the monsoon rains set in.

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