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Secretariat-Flooded

GROUND FLOOR, 13TH FLOOR OF SULTAN SALAHUDDIN BUILDING FLOODED

SHAH ALAM, Dec 28 (Bernama) -- A clogged pipe of the rain water retention tank caused the first and 13th floors of the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Building here to be flooded this evening.

The State Land and Mines Department is on the first floor of the Selangor State Government's Secretariat while the 13th floor houses the State Legal Officer's Office.

State Fire and Rescue Department Fire Operations Officer Wahid Mahat said 11 fire-fighters and a fire engine and a van were sent to the scene upon receiving a call almost an hour later after the two floors were flooded at about 4pm.

The Selangor Water Works Department also joined in to help the fire-fighters.

Preliminary investigations showed a water tank on the 13th floor, which supplies water to the fire hydrant, was filled to the brim, causing the water to overflow.

"This caused the offices at the two floors to be flooded," he said.

Wahid said the water that overflowed on the first floor caused the entire floor of the State Land and Mines Department to be wet.

He said the pipe could have been blocked by rubbish or other materials, thus preventing the water from flowing down to the ground.

The fire-fighters managed to overcome the problem at about 5.30pm.

He said checks would be continued to ensure water pipes on other floors of the building were not clogged.

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