

**Reduce Outdoor Activities, Avoid Afternoon Thunderstorms, Public Told
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 20 (Bernama) -- Members of the public are advised to reduce their outdoor activities in the afternoon following thunderstorms and strong winds occurring in several states in the west coast of the peninsula.

Meteorological Department director-general Datuk Che Gayah Ismail said the current weather phenomenon was caused by monsoon wind transition that triggered hot weather during the day as well as heavy rains, strong winds and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening.

"Residents in Kedah, Perak, Perlis, Penang, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan and Melaka are advised to reschedule their routines. Any important chores should be done in the morning and please avoid being outdoor in the afternoon," she told Bernama when contacted here today.

Che Gayah also advised those who were outside their homes when the sky turned dark, to immediately take shelter in nearby buildings, but not under trees or open spaces to prevent untoward incidents.

Yesterday, heavy rains, strong winds and thunderstorm hit several areas in Selangor causing downed trees and damage on public properties and vehicles.

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