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**Kottayam, Heavy Rain, Strong Wind, Wreaked Havoc**

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THE heavy rain and strong wind wreaked havoc in and around Kottayam on Sunday. Due to strong wind, many trees got uprooted and continuous rain flooded the low-lying areas of the town. Sajimon T Joseph, assistant station officer of Kottayam Fire Station said they received around 20 calls over the past two days.

"All the calls were regarding uprooted trees. Many trees in and around Kottayam town fell on the roads causing severe traffic blocks. There was power outage through the night as electric lines snapped," he said.

All the incidents happened in the night when the wind was at the strongest, he added.

"However, none of the houses was completely damaged and no casualties has been reported," he added. At Kumarakkom, a shikara boat carrying two tourists overturned in the strong wind on Vembanad Lake on Saturday evening.

"However, there were no casualties. The tourists from Chennai were rescued by fishermen," he said.