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The Ipoh tree was uprooted during a thunderstorm at the end of April. — RONNIE CHIN/ The Star

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THE IPOH City Council will be replanting the iconic Ipoh tree in front of the Ipoh Railway Station that was uprooted during a storm in April.

The replanting is expected to take place after Ramadan.

Mayor Datuk Zamri Man said, beyond Ipoh residents, other people in Perak were also saddened by the fate of the 34-year-old tree, which was uprooted during a thunderstorm at the end of April.

Zamri said he instructed officers from the council's Landscape Department to get professional advice from several organisations, including from the Forest Research Institute Malaysia.

"We want to make sure proper fertilisers, and maintenance is carried out to prevent such an incident from reoccurring.

"The council hopes to get the involvement of various parties including non-governmental organisations to replant the same species of the tree after the fasting month," he told reporters at the council's monthly full-board meeting.

The tree was believed to be one of

only two Ipoh trees (*Antiaris toxicaria*) left in the city, with the other located in D.R. Seenivasagam Park.

Zamri also advised people not to park their vehicles or trade under trees due to the the recent rainy weather.

He said there were several incidents of trees being uprooted due to heavy rain and strong wind.

"The council has been taking precautionary measures by pruning tree branches.

"Not all the trees are under the jurisdiction of the council, because there are some trees that are planted privately," he added.