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## Terengganu closes all its flood relief centres

**KUALA TERENGGANU:** The worst is over in Terengganu with all temporary flood relief centres (PPS) closed, but Dungun and Kemaman remain on high alert.

State Disaster Management Secretariat head Lt Kol Che Adam A. Rahman said the closure of the two centres in Kuala Nerus at 11am on Friday marked the end of the third phase of floods that hit the state from Nov 29 and displaced 6,028 victims who were housed at 124 relief centres statewide.

"However, we are still on standby, as the two districts, Dungun and Kemaman, are still on high alert," he said.

During the floods, Hulu Besut was the worst affected, with several villages cut off for three days when the only road connecting Jerteh and Hulu Besut was inundated three-metre deep.

Hulu Terengganu and Setiu were also

severely affected and residents of some of the flood-prone areas in Kemaman and Dungun were evacuated to the PPS.

The first phase of the floods occurred in Kampung Cheting, Hulu Terengganu, on Nov 13 and 14, followed by the second phase in Marang and Kemaman on Nov 22 to 24.

In Kuching meanwhile, two PPS were opened in the Lundu district yesterday after several low-lying areas were inundated in the early morning.

Sarawak Disaster Management Committee Secretariat head Mjr Ismail Mahedin, in a statement, said 51 people from 12 families were given temporary shelter at the PPS SK Sebat, Lundu, and Kampung Sebat Dayak community hall.

He said the evacuees were from Kampung Sebat Melayu and Kampung Sebat Baru. — Bernama

## 'We need barrier on our side too'



**Cause for concern:** The cement wall being built by the Thai government on the Malaysia-Thailand border near Rantau Panjang. — Bernama

## Residents: Wall on Thai side has led to Sg Golok overflowing into Rantau Panjang

**PASIR MAS:** A cement wall, being built by the Thai government on the Malaysia-Thailand border near Rantau Panjang, has become a source of anxiety to residents living along Sungai Golok.

These residents claimed that the wall, erected on the side of the neighbouring country, had led to Sungai Golok overflowing much faster into the town area.

A trader in Rantau Panjang town, Wan Namat Wan Muhamad, 54, hoped the Federal Government would mitigate the problem of erosion of the riverbank on the Malaysian side.

"The two-metre wall on the Thai side is more for security purposes but it also functions as a water barrier during the flood season.

"The riverbank on our side of the border is much higher than the bank on the Thai side. However, the wall results in more water from Sungai Golok flowing into the Malaysian side during the flood season," he said.

Kamaruddin Mustafa, 52, said the effect of the 13km-long wall was felt during the recent flood although the project has yet to be completed.

He said a wall must also be built on the Malaysian side because the floodwater inundating the low-lying areas of Rantau Panjang

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town often took time to recede.

"What is crucial is that the damage incurred by traders in Rantau Panjang town due to the floods will be reduced if a wall is built on our side of the border, compared to the current situation," he added.

Recalling the recent flood, Rohana Hussin, 53, said floodwater entered her kitchen swiftly.

"I hope the authorities will do something to overcome the problem.

"Most probably, my house, which is now already tilted, will collapse due to erosion if there is no barrier on our side," she said. — Bernama