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Flood situation improves

Most states see more evacuees returning home

KUALA LUMPUR: The situation in flood-stricken areas of several states improved as the number of evacuees at relief centres continued to decrease.

In Terengganu, the flood situation was under control when the last relief centre at Kampung Minda Community Hall in Dungun was officially closed at 9am yesterday.

State Disaster Management Secretariat head Lt-Col Che Adnan A. Rahman said that with the closure, the Dungun district Disaster Operations Room too, ceased operations.

The situation in Johor also improved as the number of flood victims continued to drop to 1,229 people from 303 families as of 8am yesterday.

State Local Government, Urban Wellbeing, and Environment Committee chairman Tan Chen Choon said all the victims were being sheltered in 23 centres in Kluang, Kota Tinggi, Pontian, Batu Pahat and Segamat.

"Segamat still has the highest evacuee numbers with 580, followed by Kota Tinggi with 267 evacuees," he said in a statement yesterday.

According to Tan, four roads in two districts, namely Jalan Paya Balai Badang, Jalan Puting and Jalan Tunang in Segamat as well as Jalan Tanah Abang in Mersing, were still closed to all vehicles.

In Pahang, evacuees at four centres in Rompin, Bera and Temerloh remained at 386.

The Social Welfare Department's (JKM) Disaster Info portal reported that the situation in the Rompin district improved and as of 8am yesterday, only 26 people from six families were left at the Kampung



Disaster relief: Flood victims receiving humanitarian aid from the Sabah state government at the community hall of Kampung Korina Sikuwati in Kudat, Sabah. — Bernama

Rekoh Community Hall.

Temerloh has the highest number of evacuees as 318 people are still being sheltered at Sekolah Kebangsaan Batu Kapor, while another 33 people are at SK Bukit Cernin.

In Bera, the only relief centre still in operation is the Rakan Muda Complex sheltering nine evacuees from two families.

However, the situation worsened in Kelantan as the number of evacuees rose to 2,642 people from 903 families as of 8am yesterday, from 2,304 people involving 731 families last night.

The JKM Disaster Info mobile application showed that Pasir Mas recorded the highest number of victims with 1,853 people from 701 families at nine centres, followed by

Tanah Merah with 537 victims (134 families) at 10 centres and Jeli recording 252 victims from 68 families at three centres.

According to the ebanjir.kelantan.gov.my website, Sungai Golok in Ranrau Panjang still exceeded the danger level at 9m at 10.43m, while other main rivers remained at normal levels.

In Sabah, the Civil Defence Force in a statement said that as of 10am yesterday, the number of evacuees at five centres rose to 1,763 victims from 1,195 last night.

The 549 families were from 16 villages including Kampung Gumisi Laut, Kampung Gumisi Ulu, Kampung Maugus, Kampung Enubai, Kampung Pantononon, Kampung Pantonagan, Saga, Kampung Belumbung Sberang and

Kampung Pulungan.

The flood-affected areas also included Labut 1, Labut 2, Kampung Angaloi, Kampung Sindungon, Kampung Tunantalik, Kampung Mandalom Lama and Kampung Batu-Batu.

In Beaufort and Membakut, 106 victims from 33 families have been transferred to Dewan Selagon as of 8am yesterday, after Sungai Padas and Sungai Membakut water levels rose to the danger level.

In Tenom, the flood situation was now under control as most relief centres were expected to close.

According to district officer Sungkin Rumangon, the situation improved after water levels at Sungai Padas, Sungai Pagalan and Sungai Pantononon continued to recede. — Bernama