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KING: SHARE WEATHER INFO MORE PROMPTLY

Agencies urged to be more proactive, precise with details to enable those on the ground to act

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YANG di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah has urged the disaster management agency on floods to be more proactive in disseminating information on weather conditions earlier and to include more precise locations.

In the era of modern technology, he said messages could be shared more accurately and quickly to those on the ground.

"Operation rooms can be more proactive by informing the weather conditions earlier at specific locations a few days ahead.

"We see regional weather forecasts on TV. If we get to narrow it down to specific locations, we will be able to help alert residents in the area," he said.

The king addressed the crowd during the 2018/2019 flood preparation presentation by Pahang police chief Datuk Abd Jali Hassan at the state police contingent headquarters here, yesterday.

Present during the briefing were Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail, deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Mazlan Mansor,

Internal Security and Public Order Department director Datuk Seri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani, National Disaster Management Agency director-general Datuk Mohd Abd Rahman, Pahang State Secretary Datuk Seri Dr Sallehuddin Ishak and Pahang Fire and Rescue Department chief Nor Hisham Mohammed.

Al-Sultan Abdullah reminded all officers and security personnel, including local leaders, to carry out their duties sincerely and responsibly without expecting anything in return.

"We need to be aware of the difficult situation that the flood victims are facing.

"Their homes and belongings have been damaged or lost, so we need to help them as much as possible."

The king said he was satisfied



Datuk Juaribu Iki Sembah & Menjunjung Kasih
 Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah speaking during the briefing on floods in Kuantan yesterday. With him are Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail and deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Mazlan Mansor. BERNAMA PIC

with how the state authorities had managed the situation so far.

During the briefing, Jali said 691 temporary relief centres comprising schools, mosques, surau and community halls that could accommodate 156,000 flood victims throughout the state during the monsoon season from October to March had been identified. The state government had also provided 118 bases to ensure that food supplies and basic necessities could be distributed promptly to people in the centres.

Al-Sultan Abdullah said those responsible for managing the

centres had to ensure that all basic facilities were made available.

"I have visited the centres many times before and some of them do not have proper facilities ... there were bathrooms that had no water supply, and I found this strange.

"I would also like to remind everyone, whether the authorities or flood victims, to play their part in maintaining cleanliness and not leave such responsibilities to any specific party. Make it your business to do so, and remind each other to keep things clean and to save water."