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'TEMPORARY CAGE'

UNUSUAL FLOOD SHELTER FOR DEER

Rising waters push breeder to keep his herd safe in the back of a truck

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A DEER breeder resorted to placing four deer from his herd inside a truck due to the floods that hit his home in Kampung Kok Batu here.

Che Harun Che Daud, 56, said he resorted to this after the first wave of floods hit early this month. He is bracing for the second wave.

Che Harun, who has been rearing deer for two years, was forced to use the truck as a "temporary cage" because when the floods came, his house would be inundated by 3m of water, and the cage in his backyard would be submerged.

"When the water started to flood the house, I moved the herd into the truck and drove it to a safe place."

"I made sure the fence on my truck was secure to prevent them from escaping."

"I would visit two or three times a day to feed the herd and make sure they are in good shape. I would usually visit them by boat. This place is almost 2km away from where I live."

"I hired the truck from a close friend who wanted to help save my livestock, as I didn't have anywhere else to put them," he said at Kampung Kubang Rambutan.

The father of six said in addition to deer, he also bred animals such as cattle, goats, chickens and rabbits.

"During the 2014 floods, I had to bring the goats indoors because the water rose in a matter of



The deer bred by Che Harun Che Daud taking refuge in the back of a truck in Kampung Kok Batu in Rantau Panjang.

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