

More rain and storms expected till this Sunday

GEORGE TOWN: People in Selangor, Johor and in the northern states should brace for more rain and thunderstorms in the next few days.

A spokesman for the Meteorological Department said the weather forecast was for the whole week until Sunday.

"We will issue updates to the necessary agencies and departments involved in flood relief efforts through SMS," he said.

The department issued warnings for thunderstorms, heavy rain and strong winds in Perlis, Kedah, Penang, Perak (Hilir Perak, Muallim and Batang Padang districts), Selangor (Sabak Bernam, Kuala Selangor and Hulu Selangor districts) and Johor (Kota Tinggi, Johor Baru, Kulai and Pontian).

The Penang Civil Defence Department (APM) is mobilising 300 personnel in anticipation of a worsening flood situation in the state.

The public can contact the APM at 04-2289012 or 04-2263876 in case of an emergency.

Meanwhile, the State Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) said seven stations in the state's northeast district received cumulative rainfall of between 28mm and 105mm in the last 24 hours.

"Kolam Air Itam station received



Drowned: A motorcycle and a car found submerged by the flood in an underground carpark of an apartment in Sungai Dua.

the most rainfall of 105mm while Sungai Pinang station recorded 72mm rainfall.

"The four hours of rainfall

caused Sungai Air Terjun, Sungai Air Itam, Sungai Air Putih, Sungai Pinang, Sungai Dua, Sungai Kecil as well as Sungai Jelutong to burst

their banks.

"About 350 victims from some 150 homes were affected," the DID said in a statement.