

Brace for daily thunderstorms, says MetMalaysia

PETALING JAYA: Heavy rains and thunderstorms are expected throughout the country this week.

Isolated or scattered thunderstorms have been forecast for most states in peninsular Malaysia, nearly everyday.

The Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) also expects isolated rains in Kelantan and Terengganu. West and central Sarawak along with Sabah can also expect the same forecast.

MetMalaysia had advised the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) to prepare for a deluge.

The west coast of the peninsula is expected to record 1,000mm of rainfall this month.

In comparison, the total amount of rainfall in the west coast between January and now is 1,200mm.

For warnings and updates on water levels and the flood situation, go to <http://publicinfobanjir.water.gov.my/>.

For the record

THE front page of *The Star* on Nov 21, was a wrap on the flood situation in several states in the country and the photograph used was a scene in Gerik, Perak, and not Penang.

The photo was related to a story on Page 4 "Gerik hit by worst floods in 20 years, say residents".

Some confusion may have arisen as there was no caption to identify the scene and the omission is regretted.

The two flood-related deaths in Penang and Kedah mentioned on the front page included that of S. Ravichanthar, 42, who slipped into Sungai Prai (in Butterworth) because the river was swollen due to flooding in upstream areas after heavy rains.