

Nine major rivers in Terengganu exceed critical level, evacuations underway

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KUALA TERENGGANU: The Drainage and Irrigation Department, via the website publicinfobanjir.water.gov.my, reports that four major rivers in Terengganu have now exceeded the danger level, two rivers have exceeded the warning level while three others are above the alert level. One of the four major rivers is the Besut River in Kampung La, which is at 23.64 metres (exceeding the danger level of 21.80 metres), while the level of the same river at Jambatan Keruak is at 36.48 metres, exceeding the danger level of 35 metres. Three other rivers exceeding the danger level are in Hulu Terengganu, Dungun and Marang: Sungai Berang in Kampung Menerong is at 25 metres (exceeded the danger level of 24.50 metres), Sungai Dungun in Kuala Jengai is at 22.21 metres, (compared to the danger level of 21 metres) and Sungai Nerus in Kampung Langkap is at 21.55 metres, compared to the danger level of 21.50 metres. The portal reports that two rivers have risen above the warning level: Sungai Tebak in Kemaman, which has risen to 18.36 metres (compared with the warning level of 17.80 metres) and Sungai Telemong in Kuala Ping, which is up to 19.33 metres (compared with the warning level of 19.30 metres). Meanwhile, the Dungun River in Pasir Raja has risen to 36.14 metres (compared with the alert level of 36 metres), while the same river at Jambatan Jerangau is at 10.91 metres (compared with the alert level of 10.90 metres). Sungai Besut at Jambatan Jerleh has risen to 10.91 metres (compared with the alert level of 10.90 metres). Continuous heavy rain since last night has resulted in the water level in several areas, which had receded, to rise again early this morning. Residents in Hulu Terengganu and Kemaman are reported to be in the process of evacuation to relief centres nearby. -- BERNAMA 3 reads Hasmah Ali fetches her neighbour's children Aiman Ghazali,9 (front) Mohd Haikal Azmi,9 (centre) and Tengku Helmi Jefri,10 after their first day at school in Kampung Nibung, Hulu Terengganu.



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