

Sabah floodwaters receding, villagers return home, schools reopen

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PITAS: Evacuees have begun returning home as the flood situation improves after waters receded in several villages here. As of 8am, 178 villagers are still taking shelter at three relief centres, compared to 284 people yesterday.

State civil defence department director Colonel Mulliadi Al-Hamdi Ladin expects all relief centres to be closed today. "However, it also depends on weather conditions. It was drizzling at 5am... at the moment, the weather is fine, but gloomy," he said. Mulliadi noted that the reading for the Kebatasan river level has dropped to 4.84 metres, while the Bengkoka river is currently at three metres.

Meanwhile, two schools – SK Kunsilad and SK Sosop - remain closed, as access roads have been submerged by floodwaters. Classes for eight other schools, however, have resumed. The schools are SK Pandan Madamai, SK Pinggan Pinggan, SK Mandurian, SK Pinapak, SK Nibang, SK Rukom, SK Kanibongan and SMK Kanibongan.

Following floods that struck on Wednesday, the 10 schools were forced to shut down, affecting 2,599 students, as well as 280 teachers and staff. 55 reads Two schools - SK Kunsilad and SK Sosop - remain closed, as access roads have been submerged by floodwaters.



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