

NUMBER OF EVACUEES RISE IN KELANTAN

Water levels
in Sg Kelantan,
Sg Golok rise
above danger level

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FLOODS worsened in Kelantan yesterday as the number of evacuees rose to 8,445 from 7,348 on Saturday.

According to the state government's flood portal, the victims, from 2,444 families, were taken to 49 relief centres in seven districts.

As at 5pm yesterday, the water levels of two major rivers in Kelantan — Sungai Kelantan at the Guillemard Bridge and Sungai Golok in Rantau Panjang — were above the danger level.

The water level at the bridge was at 16.31m (0.31m above the danger level), while Sungai Golok was at 10.16m, 1.16m above the danger level.

The flood in **Kuala Terengganu** improved, with only five districts still affected.

State Civil Defence Force director Lieutenant Colonel Che Adam A. Rahman said the number of evacuees



Pitas district in Kota Marudu was inundated yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF CIVIL DEFENCE FORCE

dropped to 1,355 people compared with 3,045 victims earlier in the day.

In **Hulu Terengganu**, the worst-affected district, the number of evacuees dropped to 541 from 1,203 victims earlier.

In **Setiu**, the number of evacuees dropped to 199 from 836 victims.

In **Kemaman**, the number of victims increased to 205 from 109.

Thirteen schools in Terengganu would remain closed today, while 14 would reopen.

The schools to remain closed are SK Kampung Besut, SK Kampung Bukit, SK Sungai Las, SK Kua, SK Bukit Tadok, SK Getang, SK Tengku Ampuan Intan, SM Imtiaz Kuala Berang, SMA Mahmudiah, SK RTK Se-

berang Tayor, SK Seberang Tayor, SK Pasir Gajah and SK Tembila.

In **Kota Marudu**, there were 514 evacuees from three districts.

State Civil Defence Force director Colonel Muliadi Al-Hamdi Ladin said as at 4pm, rain had yet to stop in the affected districts.

He said the water levels of Sungai Bongon and Sungai Bandau in Kota Marudu were at the warning level, while Sungai Kebatasan and Sungai Bengkoka in Pitas had breached the danger mark.

In **Pitas**, 29 villages were affected by a second wave of floods, with 35 people from Kampung Salimpodon Darat and 59 people from Kampung Rukom evacuated to two shelters.



Abdul Halim Yaakob, 56, in his boat after his home was flooded in Kampung Telar, Hulu Terengganu, yesterday. PIC BY ROZAINAH ZAKARIA