

Access road to four villages in Gua Musang cut off

PETALING JAYA: Access to four villages in Gua Musang have been cut off following high rainfall in the last four days, Kelantan Orang Asli Village Network said.

Its secretary Mustafa Along said that water level had risen suddenly and covered the bridge at Sungai Perias, near Pos Tohoi in Gua Musang.

The bridge, two kilometres away from the spot where seven orang asli children went missing last year, is after Pos Tohoi and access had

been affected to Pos Simpor, Pos Gob and Kampung Kuala Bering Lama, where some 2,000 orang asli of the Temiar tribe live.

"We are concerned that the bridge might collapse and we cannot go out to buy things," he said yesterday.

Mustafa said they would eat tapioca if they have no access to other food until the situation improves.

He said that there were also landslides along the way to Pos Balar but it was not as bad as those in

December 2014 where road access to the village was cut off.

The access road to the Gua Cha area in Kelantan was also cut off as water from the Sungai Peralong had overflowed and covered the bridge, he said.

On Tuesday night, Gerai OA coordinator Asiah Kamaruddin said that the Sungai Perias bridge was almost under water.

"Some villagers in Kampung Lama Pos Tohoi had temporarily moved out fearing that the river

might burst its banks as it was still raining then.

"The bridge was washed away during the December 2014 floods," she was quoted as saying on Gerai OA Facebook.

Kelantan Orang Asli Village Network youth chairman Dendi Johari, who was in Kuala Wook in Kelantan, said that there had been continuous heavy rain and the Setelu bridge that connects Pos Pasik to Gua Musang had been cut off.