



Kampung Selat Manggis residents leaving their homes to seek shelter at SK Sungai Kerawai in Teluk Intan, Perak. PIC BY MUHAIZAN YAHYA

More return home as floods subside

IPOH: More residents were allowed to return home as the flood situation improved yesterday, with only 423 victims remaining at four relief centres in Perak.

A Civil Defence Force spokesman said Dewan Kampung Tanjung Ara in Manjung, which housed 10 victims from three families, had been closed as of 1pm yesterday.

"Manjung recorded the highest number of flood victims, comprising 208 victims from 61 families. They are placed at Sekolah Agama Rakyat Kampung Padang Serai."

He said 97 victims from 18 families sought shelter at SK Sungai Kerawai; 97 victims from 25 families at SK Changkat Jong; and 21 victims from five families at Surau Kampung Padang Serai Dalam.

In **Johor**, the number of flood victims seeking shelter dropped to 1,500 yesterday, after 400 evacuees were allowed to return home.

At 6pm yesterday, only three districts were affected by floods — Segamat with 1,092 victims in 18 relief centres; Muar with 383 victims in four relief centres; and Tangkak with 25 people in one relief centre.

Johor Health and Environment Committee chairman Datuk Ayub Rahmat said relief centres in Mersing, Batu Pahat, Kota Tinggi, Kluang and Johor Baru had been closed during the weekend.

He said part of Jalan Pogoh-Tekam and the road at Balai Badang Men-sudut Lama in Segamat were closed due to floods, while Jalan Kampung Sungai Pinggan was inaccessible because of a collapsed bridge.

When commenting on stagnant water cases in Segamat, Ayub said it was caused by the downstream flow of floodwater along Sungai Muar.

"It is due to the low-lying landscape in certain areas in Segamat.

"But, we don't expect it to last long due to improvement in weather and river flow in the area."



Datuk Ayub Rahmat