

200 homes hit by flash floods

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SEREMBAN: Heavy rain for more than two hours caused flash floods at several areas in this town yesterday.

The rapid rise in the water levels forced residents to abandon their belongings, some even their cars, to escape to higher ground.

A police spokesman said more than 200 houses were flooded in up to 1.5 metres of water.

Among the areas were Kampung Datuk Mansor and

Kampung Pasir in Rasah, Kampung Semarak in Rahang Kecil and Kampung Mantau and Kampung Batu 3 in Mam-
bau.

The floods were the result of Sungai Linggi overflowing its banks.

A victim from Kampung Datuk Mansor, Adnan Mazni, 41, said: "The water rose very fast. We didn't have time to save our belongings."

Another victim, Halimah Said, 45, said she and her fam-

ily waded to higher ground.

Fire and Rescue Department personnel helped victims who were trapped in their homes.

Rahang assemblyman Datuk Yip Chee Kiong said more than 200 families from Kampung Datuk Mansor and Kampung Pasir were evacuated to SK Datuk Bandar, Rasah, here.

"We have activated an operations room to assist the victims," he added. — Bernama