

Listen to flood broadcast, SPM candidates told

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PETALING JAYA: In case of floods, candidates sitting for the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examinations are advised to pay attention to any announcements on the radio or television.

According to an Education Ministry source, officers from the Malaysian Examinations Syndicate (MES) are usually on standby in case of floods.

"We have to follow standard procedures under an MES circular to ensure that the examinations proceeded smoothly in the event of floods," said the source.

According to the circular, called *Operasi Payung*, examinations such as the Ujian Pencapaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR), Sijil Tinggi Agama Malaysia (STAM) and SPM are usually held from September to December.

However, states in the East Coast as well as Sabah and Sarawak may experience floods during this period.

The MES has taken into account the possible disrup-

tions floods can cause, including the welfare of candidates and their attendance.

The MES advises candidates who find it difficult to reach their designated examination centres to report to the chief invigilator at the nearest centre.

They should also stay with relatives or friends near their centres if they live far away.

In case candidates need to stay at the examination centres, they should bring a small mat, clothes and reference books.

Should floods cause a breakdown in communications and candidates have to be moved to special centres, the area supervisor, principals and other officials should report to these centres as soon as possible.

The overall running of the examinations should not be affected unless the floods deteriorate into an emergency situation, noted the circular.

Even if floods do occur, the MES will still continue with the examinations. The cancellation or postponement of any paper is usually a last resort.