



Rescuers evacuating flood victims at Kampung Laut Batu Skudai yesterday.

Non-stop rain forces evacuation

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JOHOR BARU: Non-stop rain since yesterday morning forced about 150 residents in Skudai here to be evacuated to a safer place.

About 4pm, heavy rains caused the Sungai Skudai banks to overflow, forcing residents of Kampung Laut Batu

Skudai to vacate their homes.

Most of the victims were on the rooftops when Civil Defence officers arrived in boats to rescue them.

They are being temporarily housed at the City Council hall.

Larkin Fire and Rescue Department operations commander, Abd Rahman Md Yassin, said firefighters had just returned from putting out

a fire at a factory when they were alerted of the flood in Skudai.

Resident Rosnah Abdul Rahman, 42, a mother of eight, said the water level would usually rise to her waist whenever there was a flood.

"But, this time, I had to climb onto the roof," she said, adding that the water was about three metres high.