

Floods can be as bad as that in '71

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MALAYSIA will have to prepare itself for massive floods comparable to those of 1971 within the next 20 years, said a *Utusan Malaysia* report.

The report quoted Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Environment and Development Institute director Prof Ibrahim Komo as saying there were certain points in time when the country would receive heavy and continuous rainfall.

"Within a period of 10, 15 or 20 years, Malaysia will go through a time like this and there is a possibility of floods as

big as the ones that hit Kuala Lumpur and the East Coast states in 1971."

According to the report, a multitude of factors contribute to why certain areas flooded, including heavy and continuous rainfall, flood-prone locations, unplanned development and high tides.

Malaysia covers about 330,000 sq km, of which 9% or 29,000 sq km is flood prone. About 2.7 million people live in these flood-prone areas.

> Wives in Terengganu may soon be able to find out if their

husbands are marrying other women without their permission or knowledge, according to *Kosmo!*

This follows a move by the state to register all polygamous men from early next year with the possibility of wives being granted the right to look at the data collated.

Community Development and Women's Affairs Committee chairman Wan Mohd Wan Hassan said his committee would give wives this opportunity if there was a strong reason for them to have the information.

> A syndicate has been enticing the public with a credit card that it claims can be used to make monthly withdrawals of between RM9,000 and RM20,000 from ATMs even though the holder does not have this money in the bank, *Harian Metro* reported.

According to the report, the credit card, called the "Free Access Credit Card", is available in two different packages through the Internet, with each package allowing different amounts to be withdrawn.