

Victims worry over valuables left behind

GEMAS: Some went fishing. Others went swimming. And the cautious kept going back home to make sure that their flooded houses were not broken into.

These were some of the pre-occupations of flood victims here after what had been the worst floods to hit the town since 1993.

Saiful Osman, 45, of Taman Sungai Gemas said that he and other residents had been ferrying the house owners staying at relief centres in boats as they were worried about break-ins.

"We are helping to make sure nothing gets stolen," he said yesterday.

His boat paddle is made from a table tennis bat hammered onto a piece of wood.

The police, Fire and Rescue Department and other agencies have started round-the-clock patrols to prevent burglaries.

Another resident Mohd Zaidi Abdul Razak, 33, said he would keep going back to check on his house as he did not have enough time to take anything with him when the evacuation order was issued.

At Felda Sungai Kelamah, it was a bumper fish harvest for the residents after a pond overflowed.



FEELING HELPLESS: A resident sitting on top of a pillar, waiting for help to arrive, outside his flooded home in Kota Tinggi yesterday.