

CM denies dam water caused flooding

MALACCA: Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam has denied an allegation that Syarikat Air Melaka (SAM) released water from the Durian Tunggal Dam in Alor Gajah, causing several areas to be flooded.

He said excess water in the dam which reached full capacity due to exceptionally heavy rain last week, was instead pumped to Jus dam in Jasin which was facing a water shortage.

"I strongly deny a DAP allegation that I had made a statement that SAM had released water from Durian Tunggal dam causing several areas to be flooded," he told reporters after chairing the state exco meeting at Seri Negeri, Ayer Keroh near here, yesterday.

Mohd Ali said SAM had opened the water gate at the Gangsa pump house to save the generator which powered the Bertam and Bukit Sebukor water treatment plants.

He said the downpour had flooded the water gate at the pump house.

On flood assistance, he said the state government had allocated RM1.8 mil to help the 9,403 victims. — Bernama