

Mercy sets up health camps at Johor flood sites

MUAR: Mercy Malaysia has set up health camps in flooded areas to check for any outbreak of disease while the army is sending water to hospitals and homes.

A Mercy team, headed by Dr Abdul Malik Abdul Ghafur, is in Bukit Kepong, which has been cut off from the rest of the district.

Dr Abdul Malik said access was only possible by boat from Lenga or by helicopter.

The team set up camp there

to check on the health of the villagers.

"After checking some 50 evacuees, we found that three children in a family had mouth ulcers and provided the necessary medication," he said.

"The rest of the villagers seemed to be in good health but we urged them to only drink boiled water if there is no bottled water."

Meanwhile, Bernama reports

that the situation in the flood stricken states is improving, including in Johor with the number of evacuees in the state dropping to 57,220 at 5pm yesterday compared with 60,156 on Tuesday.

A Johor police flood operation room spokesman said 140 relief centres had been closed, leaving 226 centres still open.

The spokesman said all roads leading to Kota Tinggi had been

reopened to traffic after floodwaters receded.

In Malacca, the number of people sheltered dropped to 2,179 at the remaining seven relief centres in Jasin at 6pm yesterday compared with 2,283 four hours earlier.

In Pahang, evacuees at eight relief centres in Rompin and Pekan districts remained at 832 at 9pm.

In related news, an army

team under commanding officer Lt-Col Ahmad Fareed Ariffin from Camp Batu Tiga in Kluang has been supplying clean water to the Sultanah Fatimah Specialist Hospital here.

The hospital, which has had no water supply since the district was flooded last week, made an emergency request to the army, which rushed four water tankers there on Tuesday evening.