

# Water level rises in Johor



A boat carrying relief items passes a house half-submerged in water in Lenga, Muar, yesterday.

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**PETALING JAYA:** Persistent rain in Johor since Monday night has raised the level of floodwaters in the state.

The number of flood victims seeking shelter at relief centres rose to 58,642 yesterday from 56,877 on Tuesday night.

An official from the National Crisis Management and Disaster Bureau's operation centre said as at noon yesterday, there were 12,808 families at the 231 relief centres in Johor, the worst-hit state.

He said continuous rain had caused the water level to rise further.

As for the other states, the official said there were 1,175 victims or 228 families in the nine relief centres in Pahang and 3,187 victims or 757 families in the eight relief centres in Malacca.

"The situation in Negri Sembilan has improved with all victims having gone back to their homes, but the authorities are monitoring the situation and the relief

centres are still on stand-by," he said.

The death toll remained at eight.

The Meteorological Department's weather forecast remains unchanged, predicting intermittent and occasionally heavy rain over Johor and southeast Pahang until Sunday, and slight to moderate rain over Malacca and Negri Sembilan until Friday.