

# CM denies flood due to water released from dam

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

On the contrary, he said excess water in the catchment area at the dam, which had reached full capacity due to exceptionally heavy rain last week, was pumped to Jus

dam in Jasin which was facing a shortage of water.

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

Mohd Ali said what SAM did was to open

the water gate at the Gangsa pump house to save the generator which powered the Bertam and Bukit Sebukor water treatment plants.

He said water from the dam was released according to procedure and was not the cause of flooding.

The heavy downpour had flooded the water gate at the pump house. — Bernama