

# 'Prepare for second wave of floods'

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**KUANTAN:** Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak wants all government departments and agencies, including rescue teams, to brace themselves for a second wave of floods.

"If it doesn't occur, then thank God, but if it does, we must be in a state of readiness so that the necessary operations can be carried out efficiently," he told reporters here.

He was commenting on the Meteorological Department's report

yesterday, which forecast bad weather for Johor and south-eastern Pahang until Sunday and continuous heavy rain for Malacca and Negri Sembilan for another four days, which may cause more floods.

Najib said this meant that all the relevant government departments and agencies, including those monitoring the weather, district and village administrations, agencies disseminating the news, military personnel, policemen and firemen

must be in a state of alert to ensure the safety of lives and properties.

**Kimberley Lau** reports that although the flood water level has receded in some states, it is still rising in parts of Johor.

As of yesterday afternoon, a total of 58,314 victims were still sheltered

in 234 relief centres in Johor, Malacca and Pahang. Johor alone accounted for 55,857 victims in 222 relief centres.



M. Sathiya, of the Malaysian Indian Youth Council, and Saiful Adly Abd Wahab, of the Tampin Youth Council, sort out aid to be distributed to flood victims at Angkasapuri yesterday.

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