



Sixty pupils and teachers from SJK (Tamil) Ledang Sungai Plentong were relocated to a community hall about 5km away in Kampung Baru Plentong when the only access road to the school turned into a river of mud.

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KUALA LUMPUR: The floods may not be over yet, as heavy rainfall is expected in the northern states in the next few days.

The Meteorological Department said in a statement that the northeast monsoon winds, blamed for the recent Johor floods, is heading north and will hit Kelantan, Terengganu and Kedah the hardest.

But Drainage and Irrigation Department director-general Datuk Paduka Keizrul Abdullah said there was no cause for alarm.

Officials will be notified im-

mediately by SMS if the operation rooms need to be opened.

The forecasting system in Sungai Kelantan can give up to 12 hours warning, and the Sungai Pahang system can give 24 hours notice of flooding he said.

Waves on the South China Sea could affect the coastal areas of these East Coast states as they may peak at six metres. Waves in the Straits of Malacca could peak at four.

In Johor, it wasn't water that forced the closure of the 50-year-old SJK (Tamil) Ledang Sungai Plentong, but mud.

The school has relocated its 60 pupils and teachers to a community hall about 5km away.

Principal A. Saraswath said that after Wednesday's down-pour turned the only access road to the school into a river of mud, only six of the school's 55 pupils managed to get through.

She said the 4km road, which runs through the oil palm plantation where the school is located, has deteriorated since a sand dredging operation began in the area three months ago.

The 20- to 30-tonne lorries carrying the sand have caused the road to break up.

After evaluating the situation, the Johor Baru district education office decided to temporarily relocate the school to a community hall in Kampung Baru Plentong.

A Johor Baru land office spokesman said the sand dredging company's permit has been suspended.

"We have ordered them to repair the access road to the school. We expect the work to be completed before Friday," he said.