



A girl rows a sampan as her sibling frolics in the flood in front of their house in Kuala Terengganu.

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# Flood situation improving, fewer evacuees

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The flood situation in Kelantan, Terengganu, Johor and Sabah improved last night with the number of evacuees at relief centres declining further.

However, Kota Marudu in Sabah was hit again with 26 families from Kampung Gurontong having to evacuate to a relief centre as the area was flooded in 1m of water due to continuous rain since Monday night.

A Kota Marudu Fire Station spokesman, Abdul Jalil Abdullah, said the 26 families were evacuated to a cooperative's store in the village but some could not be evacuated by the authorities due to a boat shortage.

Early last week, the people in the village had to abandon their homes due to floods.

In **KELANTAN**, the situation is almost back to normal with all 19 victims at relief centres allowed to return home.

A state police flood operations room

spokesman said all of them, from Kuala Krai and Tanah Merah, were allowed to return home yesterday morning.

"However, we are still monitoring the situation as the water levels of the state's main rivers are still at cautious levels as of this evening," he told Bernama. "The weather is still cloudy with drizzling from time to time."

In **TERENGGANU**, the flood situation in Dungun is much better with evacuees at relief centres reduced to 59 people as of late yesterday evening compared with 243 victims in the afternoon.

A Terengganu National Security Division spokesman said the victims comprised 10 families from Kampung Batu 48.

The spokesman said water level readings at main rivers in Terengganu indicated they were still at cautious levels but the overall

weather situation in the state was improving with strong winds subsiding.

In **JOHOR**, the number of evacuees continued to slide to 2,874 people compared with 5,001 victims yesterday morning.

A Johor police flood operations room spokesman said only Batu Pahat remained flooded, and the number of active relief centres stood at 21.

In **SABAH**, a total of 39 villages in the Sungai Padas district, particularly those along the river were still flooded between 0.5m and 1m of water.

The situation in Beaufort town has returned to normal with all the 295 evacuees at the Pak Musa Hall relief centre allowed to return to their homes as of 4pm yesterday.