



Narander Singh (right) and his staff arranging the boxes of clothing to be sent to the flood victims.

RM400,000 in donations

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JOHOR BARU: The Johor Baru branch of the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) has collected more than RM400,000 in donations for flood victims in the state.

Until yesterday, its special flood operations centre at the Puteri Pacific Hotel had received RM413,176.40 from corporate bodies, non-governmental organisations and individuals.

Among the donors yesterday were the Lee Foundation which gave RM250,000 and

Central Malaysian Properties which donated RM100,000.

The consort of the Tunku Mahkota of Johor and head of the MRCS Johor Baru welfare committee Raja Zarith Sofiah thanked donors for their contributions.

She also criticised those who reportedly sought money from desperate flood victims before aid was extended.

In Taiping, 600 staff from the Taiping Prison have shown that one does not have to be a millionaire to extend a helping

hand to those in need.

In only a week, they collected about 200 boxes of clothing and blankets for the flood victims and raised RM1,230 for the NSTP Flood Victims Assistance Fund.

"It might not be much in monetary terms but I hope these blankets, clothes and the cash will come in handy," prison director Narander Singh said after handing over a mock cheque to *Berita Harian* bureau chief Redzuan Yeop here yesterday.