

## » FLOODS WORSEN IN JOHOR

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EVACUATED

» MORE HEAVY  
RAIN PREDICTED

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**PETALING JAYA:** The situation in Johor, which has been hit by a second wave of floods in less than a month, continued to worsen yesterday, driving more people from their homes into relief centres.

At 7pm, a total of 101,136 flood victims had been evacuated from their homes and placed in 551 relief centres around the state – up from 74,000 on Saturday night.

There is also little sign of the flood situation easing for a while as the water levels continued to rise in eight of the nine affected districts – north Johor Baru, Muar, Kluang, Batu Pahat, Segamat, Kota Tinggi, Pontian and Mersing.

To make matters worse, the Meteorological Services Department has predicted heavy rain in Johor, as well as in southern and eastern Pahang, until today.

Moderate rain is expected in Johor from tomorrow until Wednesday.

Negri Sembilan, Malacca, north Pahang and south Terengganu can also expect moderately heavy rain until Wednesday.

Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and south Perak can expect moderately heavy rain from today until Wednesday.

Police, meanwhile, said it was



**Wet wedding ...**  
Rain or shine, the wedding must go on. A bridal four-wheel drive vehicle makes its way through the flood waters in Segamat, Johor yesterday.

# No let-up

not true a state of emergency had been declared in Johor (see Page 6).

Kota Tinggi town was still under 1m of water in certain areas after Sungai Johor overflowed its banks on Friday, cutting off road links between the town to Johor Baru and Mersing. Kota Tinggi was only accessible by boats and helicopters.

In Kluang, a landslide had occurred at Bandar Tenggara, near Felda Pengelih Timur. The roads impassable to traffic in the district are Jalan Mersing-KotaTinggi, Mersing-Kluang, Segamat-Labis,

Labis-Yong Peng, Labis-Muar, Kluang-Mersing and Kluang-Bandar Tenggara at Sungai Sembong bridge.

In Batu Pahat, Km5 of Jalan Yong Peng-Chaah and Km26 of Jalan Batu Pahat-Ayer Hitam are closed to traffic.

In Muar, Km29.6 of Jalan Parit Sulong-Bakri and Km70 of Jalan Muar-Labis are not passable to light vehicles.

However, KTM intercity services in the south have returned to normal since Saturday afternoon.

In a statement, KTM Bhd said a

landslide situation affecting the Kluang-Paloh, Bekok-Paloh, Bukit Timah-Woodlands and Labis-Bekok links have been rectified.

The resumption of normal service to the south is subject to flood levels and weather conditions in the affected areas, it said.

The number of evacuees in Rompin, Pahang was also increasing by the hour, with 1,769 reported at 7pm yesterday.

In the Sabah districts of Beluran, Titas and Kota Marudu, 1,548 people had been transferred to relief centres.

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