

# Almost 120,000 evacuees in Johor

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**JOHOR BARU:** The total number of evacuees in Johor has reached almost 120,000.

Batu Pahat district is seeing the tail-end of Johor's floods with a total of 39,201 people evacuated.

Batu Pahat district officer Yahya Mohd Salleh said rising floodwaters at Sri Medan, Yong Peng, Parit Sulong and Senggarang is due to the rising water level of Simpang Kiri, Sembrong and Bekok rivers which saw water levels rise more than one metre above danger levels.

Yahya said Batu Pahat with its flat land and location at the downstream portion of the major rivers in Johor was always the last district to be flooded.

He said the water also took a long time to recede as the rivers emptying into the Straits of Malacca were subject to tidal in-

fluence.

Yahya said Parit Sulong was only accessible by four-wheel drive vehicles and 16,130 people were evacuated from there.

A total of 14,512 evacuees are in Kluang, 14,206 in Kota Tinggi, 4,759 in Muar, 12,465 in Johor Baru, 5,020 in Segamat, 8,517 in Mersing and 4,171 in Pontian.

In **Kota Kinabalu**, five districts remain affected by floods, with over 3,668 people being evacuated from their homes.

Kota Marudu saw 1,596 people from 311 households from 42 villages being evacuated.

In Pitas, 43 villages were also hit and 1,398 people from 515 households were evacuated, while in Beaufort, 39 villages were affected and 324 people from 79 families were evacuated.