

Plan to pump out floodwaters in town area

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KOTA TINGGI: Floodwaters trapped in the heart of town will be pumped out today.

However it would take three to four days before the entire town is free of floodwaters due to the lack of pumps.

District officer Norizan Kulob said the town had four pumps and each had the capacity of draining 1,000 cubic metres per second but all of

them were damaged during the floods.

"We only have one mobile pump supplied by the Drainage and Irrigation Department to pump out the water," he said.

The pump, which can only drain 10 cubic metres per second will slow down the process.

Norizan said the same method was used during the first wave of the

floods last month.

The busiest part of the town, Jalan Tun Sri Lanang, is one of the worst-hit areas and is only 800 metres away from Sungai Johor.

Norizan said the clean-up operation would begin as soon as the water has completely receded.

The water level at Sungai Johor has receded to 2.6 metres and is below the danger level of 2.8 metres.