

Relief as water level in two dams drops

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There is no need to open the water gates to release water in the Sembrong dam as the water level has returned to normal.

BATU PAHAT: Good news for residents here — the water level in two of the three dams here has dropped below the danger level and the water won't be released into the rivers.

The water pressure in the Sembrong and Machap dams are now normal. This means the water gates won't be opened to release water.

However, the water level of the Bekok dam in Segamat is still 1.3 metres above the danger level.

This means water from the dam will continue to be released to alleviate pressure building up in the dams.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Az-

mi Khalid said seven high-powered water pumps, costing about RM30,000 each, had been deployed by the Drainage and Irrigation Department to pump water from Sungai Senggarang and Sungai Peserai.

Five pumps are stationed at Sungai Senggarang and two at Sungai Peserai. The high-powered pumps will pump the water from the rivers into the sea.

Azmi, who visited flood victims at the SK Sri Bunut relief centre, advised the public to stop dumping rubbish into the rivers. Developers should also build collection plants at construction sites as debris and mud that flowed into the rivers made them shallow.