

Get ready for extreme weather

KLANG: Extreme weather is expected in Selangor in the next few months, with heavy rains forecast between tomorrow and Sunday, followed by an extreme dry spell which can lead to drought.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo said the public should take note of the changing weather pattern and be prudent in using water.

"No doubt our dams are full now but the weather may change. We may experience

drought between March and August," he said after chairing the weekly state executive council meeting at the Klang district office yesterday.

On the flash floods in Kuala Selangor on Sunday, Dr Khir said only 25 out of 130 people evacuated in Batang Berjuntai and Rantau Panjang were still staying at relief centres.

He said residents of low-lying areas in Rantau Panjang had been advised to relocate to higher ground but they re-

fused.

He said alternative housing sites were offered but the families did not want to relocate.

On another matter, Dr Khir said a second international halal hub was being established in Johan Setia, Klang.

The Malaysian International Halal Hub will be set up on an 800ha site at a cost of RM160 million.

It would be the staging area to process halal food sourced from throughout the country.