

Number of flood victims drops

JOHOR BARU: The number of flood victims is decreasing in the state except in Batu Pahat where there are still 44,433 victims in 100 relief centres. Relief centres in other parts of the state have closed.

The water level at the Bekok Dam remains above the danger level while the level at Semberong and Machap dams are now below the danger mark.

Three roads remained closed in Batu Pahat. They are the Seri Pasir-Seri Medan road, accessible only to heavy vehicles, the Seri Medan road and the Parit Sulong-Parit Jalil road.

Meanwhile, moderately heavy rain in Johor,

especially in the eastern and southern parts, and in Sarawak is expected to continue today.

The Meteorological Services Department in a statement said that in Sarawak, heavy rains in the late afternoon and night would occur in most parts of the state, especially in Kuching, Bintulu and along the Sarawak coast.

The department also forecast heavy rain in Pahang, especially in the east and south until tomorrow.

Rough seas are expected in waters off the east coast of the peninsula, Sabah and Sarawak, with waves as high as 4m to 5m and strong north-easterly winds of 40-50kph until the end of next week, it said.

MB: Repairs will take three months

MUAR: Public infrastructure and buildings damaged by the recent floods in Johor can be repaired in three months if funds are available, Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said.

"It takes about one month to tender out the works and another two months to carry out repair works," he said after chairing a state

executive council meeting at the Muar District Office yesterday.

These included repairs to damaged roads, bridges, schools, clinics, mosques, temples and other public buildings.

Abdul Ghani gave his assurance that all families affected by the floods would receive their one-month food supply.



Community service: The flood victims waiting in line to collect a cheque for RM180 per family and other provisions from the Rotary Club in Kota Tinggi yesterday.