

Aid keeps flowing for flood victims

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Johor folk to get more help

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PUTRAJAYA: More aid is in store for Johor flood victims, including a maximum of RM3,000 to repair their homes and RM500 for families that stayed at relief centres.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said those who sought shelter with friends or relatives would get RM300 per family.

The families of the 19 people who died would receive RM5,000 each, he said.

The aid will come from the National Disaster Fund.

Najib also announced a relief aid of another RM200 per family affected by the second wave of floods.

He said the financial assistance was part of the RM1.5bil allocation that the Government had set aside to help those affected by the two waves of floods.

"The amount is what the Government has to spend to carry out rehabilitation and repair works, provide aid, relief and other forms of assistance to the affected people," he told reporters after chairing the disaster management and assistance committee meeting yesterday.

"The figure, however, does not include personal losses incurred by the victims or losses suffered by the business community."

Najib said padi farmers would receive RM573 per hectare to re-

plant crops while vegetable farmers were entitled to RM2,000 per hectare (maximum one hectare).

Others entitled to aid are:

- Fruit farmers (RM1,000 per hectare to a maximum of 1ha, while those with less than a hectare of farm land will receive RM500);

- Cattle breeders (RM700 per head to a maximum of 10 heads, and those with buffaloes RM600 per head to a maximum of 10 heads);

- Goat breeders (RM150 per goat to a maximum of 20);

- Poultry farmers (RM5 per chicken or duck to a maximum 100 birds);

- Aquaculture breeders (RM1,500 per hectare to a maximum of 2ha) and small-time farmers (RM1,500 per hectare to a maximum of 1ha);

- Cage breeders (RM200 per cage to a maximum of 12 cages.)

Najib said victims who lost their homes would get new ones – thanks to the caring people and corporations that donated generously.

Syarikat Perumahan Negara had been tasked with building 45 houses to be financed by public donations, he said.

Najib said the committee would also look into ways to help victims whose houses were partially destroyed "so that they (victims) have homes to return to".

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