



Lending a hand: Shahrizat (centre) posing with artistes who took part in the charity event at Bangsar Village in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. — Bernama

Stars chip in for flood victims

Over RM30,000 raised in two hours

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KUALA LUMPUR: Fresh from her winning performance at TV3's Juara Lagu song contest, Adibah Noor netted RM5,400 from belting out her hit tune *Terlalu Istimewa* and two other numbers at a star-studded charity bazaar here.

Elsewhere at the event, beauty queen-turned-artist Erra Fazira cashed out RM1,000 on some accessories.

The two were among the nearly 30 celebrities who chipped in to raise funds for flood victims at the Bangsar Village shopping mall here on Saturday.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil opened the event, aptly themed *Banjir in the Village*. It ended at 10pm yesterday.

"This is a good effort as many artistes wanted to do charity but don't know how. This is a way for us to help the victims," said Erra.

Mano Maniam of *Kopitiam* fame was also around to donate in kind. He brought clothes

and other things to be sold, as well as giving a Saturday evening to the bazaar.

Actress-singer Chelsia Ng said the event was a success and generated a lot of funds for the victims.

"I've never experienced floods and I'm very thankful for that," said the Penang girl.

"I am doing as much as I can to help the victims."

Cartoonist-cum-actor Imuda was also present to contribute some of his artwork for sale and to draw caricatures of visitors.

In less than two hours after the event started at 10am, more than RM30,000 was raised.

Speaking to reporters after launching the event, Shahrizat said she was happy with the response from various non-governmental organisations, companies and individuals.

She said the money collected would be handed over to the National Security Division, which will then channel the funds to the flood victims.

"We will hand over cheques to the various states and it is up to them to distribute the funds accordingly."