

Sibu water level rises after two days of rain

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SIBU: Fears of the people in Sibu of another flood became a reality yesterday when water as high as 2.96m covered the town after two days of incessant rain.

The water level readings were taken at 6am at Sg Merah and at Loba Lembangan, which is the central business district.

Residents along Jalan Lanang woke up to find most parts of the road heavily inundated, with water as high as 1m and impassable for small vehicles.

In the centre of the town, Jalan Central and Jalan Kampung Nyabor were badly affected.

A proprietor of a bakery, who wished to be identified only as Wong, said the water level at Jalan Central on Saturday night was only about half a foot but it rose to knee-height early yesterday morning.

He and his workers had to wake up early to carry his goods to higher ground.

State Assistant Housing and Urban Development Minister Datuk Dr Soon Choon Teck brought newsmen yesterday to Jalan Ahmad Zaidi, where a section of a dual carriage-way was submerged and impassable.

"I will ask the Sibu Municipal Council to raise this part of the road soon," he said.

Sibu Resident Sim Kok Kee said that though there were some requests, no one was evacuated as the water level did not warrant it yet.

The water level receded to 2.65m from 2.96m at 2pm.

However, he advised people in



Wet Sunday: Sibu's Jalan Central was a river of water yesterday morning. Even though the water receded later in the day, residents were told to be on the alert for the 'king tide' over the next two days.

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"According to the weatherman, there will be more rain in the next few days and with the expected king tide, I advise the people, especially in low-lying areas, to move their

belongings to higher ground," he said.

He pointed out that the water level in Kanowit and Kapit was still very high and would reach Sibu in the next few days.

Sim hoped the flood this time

would not be that serious.

He, however, said the flood operation room which was activated yesterday was ready to assist the flood victims.

Those who need help can call 084-329-590 or 012-857-5747.