

# Getting set for a second wave

## Police, civil defence and Rela staying put following weathermen's warning

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**ALOR SETAR:** Following a "second wave" warning by the Meteorological Department, the Home Ministry has asked the police, civil defence and Rela to be prepared for another round of floods in Kedah, Perlis and Kelantan.

"We will maintain our force in the affected states if the second wave occurs within the next couple of weeks.

"However, if it is expected to come much later, we will allow them to return to their base states and call them back immediately should the second wave occur," said Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, when met after his visits to the SK Haji Abdullah Sadun and SMK Alor Janggus relief centres here yesterday.

He also visited the family of Awwad Hakimi Rudaini, seven, who was feared drowned after being swept away by flood waters on Nov 4.

Hishammuddin said that more than 1,500 men from the police, civil

defence corps and Rela have been helping in the flood operations in Kedah since Nov 1.

He said that since most of the flood victims had started returning home, he had asked Rela and the civil defence department to help clean the schools that were used as relief centres and those affected by floods.

Hishammuddin also launched a disaster fund by the Malaysian Muslim Restaurant Owners Association (Presma) for flood victims.

He said the association donated food products worth RM200,000 to flood victims in Kedah.

Shell Malaysia Trading Sdn Bhd donated 480 cooking gas cylinders to flood victims in Kampung Alor Senjaya here.

Until 5pm yesterday, 16,915 people were still at 41 relief centres in Kota Setar and Padang Terap districts.

Another 11,496 people were at 29 relief centres in Kota Setar while 5,419 people were at 12 relief centres in Kubang Pasu.



**Lunch break:** Hishammuddin chatting with a family during lunch at the SMK Alor Janggus evacuation centre in Alor Setar yesterday.