

# T'ganu flood evacuees return home

Situation has improved but 280 are still at evacuation centres



**Happy when it rains:** Children of Kampung Baru Kemasik enjoying themselves after sea water rose to about a metre high in their village last night.

**KEMAMAN:** The flood situation here has improved and 520 of the 1,000 people evacuated on Sunday have returned to their homes.

As at 6pm yesterday, only 280 evacuees from 15 families were still housed at evacuation centres and were expected to return home today.

On Sunday, some 1,100 villagers in low-lying areas here were evacuated following intermittent rain that lashed the state since Saturday night.

A state National Security Council spokesman said those who have yet to be allowed home were placed in evacuation centres in Kemaman.

They were at Kampung Chabang ICT resource complex, Kampung Baru Kerteh public hall, police quarters in Kerteh, SK Pengkalan Ranggon, Kampung Gong Chengal community hall, Padang Kemunting mosque, Bukit Kurnia and Bukit Kukuran aid centres.

The spokesman said no trunk road was closed to traffic except for several village roads that were still submerged in flood waters.

He said that water levels at major rivers in the state have yet to surpass the danger level.

The spokesman said those seeking information on the flood could contact the council's operation room at 09-6316021, the state Public Works Department (09-6274277) or the State Welfare Department (09-6224022).

The State Meteorological Department has warned of strong winds at 10 to 5kph that could be dangerous to light fishing vessels.

On a related development, state secretary Datuk Mazlan Ngah said the state was fully prepared to face the possibility of floods.

"We have made early preparation and would be able manage any situation effectively," he said.