

Floods hit Rantau Panjang

Overnight rain causes river to rise above danger levels

RANTAU PANJANG: Rain which fell overnight has caused more floods in this border town in Kelantan, resulting in the number of evacuees rising to 494 by yesterday morning.

A Kelantan police flood operations room spokesman said the evacuees were being accommodated at three relief centres at the Rantau Panjang railway station, Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Gual Tinggi and SJK(C) Rantau Panjang.

The number of evacuees last night stood at 280.

He said the level of the Golok River here was 10.13m above the danger level of 9m.

He also said that a stretch of the Pohon Tanjung-Rantau Panjang Road at the 10th kilometre in Kampung Siram and a stretch of

the Rantau Panjang-Panglima Bayu Road at the 11th kilometre were closed to light vehicles.

In Kuala Terengganu, the 36 evacuees from Kampung Cacar Paka in Dungun returned home on Saturday night after floodwaters in their village receded, Dungun Welfare Officer Wan Zabariah Wan Harun said yesterday.

She said they were allowed to leave for their homes at 9.30pm.

Meanwhile, floods in Kelantan forced eight schools to remain closed.

Kelantan Education Department director Hussain Awang said five schools in Rantau Panjang; two in Tumpat and one in Gua Musang were affected and remained submerged in flood waters. — Bernama