

Priority for flood mitigation project

RANTAU PANJANG: The Federal Government will focus on a flood mitigation project in Kota Baru and Rantau Panjang – the two areas often hit by floods in Kelantan, state action council chairman Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said.

However, he said, proper planning had to be carried out as the project would involved high costs, adding that if implemented, it would be carried out at Sungai Kelantan in Kota Baru and Sungai Golok in Rantau Panjang.

“The project cost was about RM2bil five years ago and if the Government wants to go ahead, it

will possibly not be done simultaneously,” he told reporters after visiting flood victims at a relief centre here yesterday.

A total of 409 flood victims had been evacuated here and they were now at three relief centres in the district.

Meanwhile, state security council secretary Roslee Mamat said Tumpat would be the next district to be hit by floods in Kelantan now that the water in Sungai Golok had exceeded the danger level and overflowed its banks.

He said preparations had been made to deal with that possibility.
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