

Floods worsen in east coast

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PASIR MAS: The flood situation in Rantau Panjang has worsened as the water level rose in Sungai Golok yesterday, causing 227 people to be evacuated compared with only 20 on Friday.

More than 10 villages along the border area were flooded, including Kampung Kedai Lama, Kampung Kedap and Kampung Lubok Setol. But only 70 families from Kampung Kedai Lama chose to seek shelter at the relief centre at the railway station here.

The others stayed in their homes or sought refuge in the homes of families and friends.

Housewife Sapinah Omar, 42, said her family moved to the centre early yesterday after their house near Kampung Kedai Lama was submerged in 0.5m of water.

"While other people, especially the Thai community across the border, were busy celebrating the New Year, the villagers here were worried since Friday evening as the water started to rise.

"We quickly packed our important belongings and sought refuge here," said the mother of four.

Mohamad Yahya, 50, said his family decided to move to the relief centre about midnight when Sungai Golok overflowed.

"We decided to move out early to avoid unwanted incidents," said the trader.

While others are staying at the relief centre, self-employed Raduan Ismail came out with an innovative idea of building a temporary shelter for his family on a lorry.

The father of three, with the help of his best friend, Riduan Ibrahim, 29, put a canvas on top of a lorry belonging to his brother-in-law to shelter his wife and three children.

"I have been doing this over the years. We rather sleep in the lorry than at the railway station as the place is overcrowded.

"It is more comfortable here and we have some privacy," said the 46-year-old.

Sungai Golok, which is among eight state flood monitoring points, had reached 10.14m at 3pm yesterday compared with 9.75m on Friday. The danger level at the river is 9m.

At the same time, the water level at Sungai Kelantan in Kusial near here breached its danger level of 12m to 12.08m.

In **Dungun**, Kuala Terengganu, Bernama reported that 69 people from 12 families in



This car in Pengkalan Jambu, Kelantan, could not be saved after Sungai Golok overflowed and flooded the area yesterday. — Pictures by Fathil Asri

Kampung Cacar, Paka, had been evacuated.

According to Dungun district officer Wan Zabariah Wan Harun, the flood victims were placed at the village's multi-purpose hall yesterday.

"Heavy rain that fell since Thursday had caused the village to be flooded."

Other affected areas were Kampung Padang Serai, Jalan Delima, Jalan Santong, Tanjung Hutang, Jalan Taman Indah and Kampung Bukit Merah.

In Kampung Pasir Raja, Hulu Dungun, 60 people from 13 families had to leave their homes when floodwaters continued to rise.

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Flood victims sheltering at the train station in Pasir Mas, Kelantan, yesterday.