

More evacuees return home

Centres closed and roads reopened as weather in East Coast improves



To safer place: Students moving tables as their school in Rantau Panjang was inundated yesterday.



Rescue mission: The brigade helping out a flood victim at Kampung Bendang Pak Yong in Tumpat yesterday.
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KUALA TERENGGANU: The flood situation in Terengganu and Kelantan has improved with more evacuees returning home yesterday.

A state National Security Council spokesman said the 31 evacuation centres in Terengganu have been closed as water in all areas had receded.

On Sunday, there were 245 flood victims at 10 centres and by early yesterday, all of them had left following improved weather over the past two days.

The spokesman said eight roads in the state, were reopened to traffic, yesterday morning.

In **KOTA BARU**, the improving flood situation has led to a drop in the number of victims yesterday – to 3,190 from 3,579 on Sunday night.

A flood operation room spokesman at the state police headquarters said the remaining evacuees are sheltered at 22 relief centres in Kota Baru, Tumpat and Pasir Mas.

The spokesman told Bernama said six roads in Pasir Mas and another stretch in Tumpat are still closed to light vehicles.

Water level at Sungai Golok has also dropped to 9.95m but still remains above the 9m danger level.

In **TUMPAT**, members of the 21st Brigade of the Royal Malay Regiment are providing logistics support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved in the distribution of food to flood victims.

The brigade's public relations officer Lt Col Ku Mohd Ali Ku Sulong said three NGOs had sought their help to supply food with boats.

"Our main duty is to keep surveillance along the border here to curb smuggling activities which is rampant during the monsoon season," he said.

"He said the five officers and 116 personnel of the 5th Royal Regiment Rangers under the command of Lt Col Jafri Sulaiman, had been stationed along the border here for the past two months to thwart smugglers bringing in contraband from Thailand.

More than 50 packets of dry food items were distributed to the residents who have been stranded in their houses due to the floods.