

Segamat flood mitigation project to be finalised soon

JOHOR BARU: The Johor government is finalising the design of the flood mitigation project in Segamat, Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said.

He said there were plans for the drainage system to go through several villages along Sungai Segamat but the state government was looking for a better solution.

"The state government is thankful for the allocation from the Federal Government for this project to solve flooding woes, especially in Segamat, and we hope the final design will be approved within the next two months," he said after officiating the Galleria@Kotaraya here yesterday.

He was asked to comment on a report yesterday that 20 flood mitigation projects nationwide, including one in Segamat, had yet to be completed.

It was also reported that there were no major flood mitigation projects in Kota Tinggi despite being ravaged by floods in 2007 and last year.

Abdul Ghani said that work was being carried out to widen and deepen Johor River to alleviate flood problems in Kota Tinggi.