



Residents of Kampung Simpangan in **Tumpat, Kelantan** had to **resort to boats** to perform their Friday prayers at Masjid Mukim Simpangan Hilir yesterday. Pic by Fathil Asri

Floods worsen in Kelantan

SITUATION STILL BAD:

Number of evacuees rise to 1,817 in six districts

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THE flood situation in Kelantan worsened despite less rain falling while other states showed a marked improvement.

The number of evacuees rose to 1,817 as of 5pm yesterday compared with 1,194 people on Thursday.

A spokesman for the state operations room said the victims were from the six affected districts in Kelantan namely Bachok, Pasir Mas, Pasir Putih, Tanah Merah, Tumpat and Kota Baru.

He said on Thursday that eight districts were effected, but Machang and Kuala Krai districts had their relief centres closed after floodwaters receded.

"The relief centres in Machang and Kuala Krai were closed after all the 159 flood victims at four centres returned home yesterday afternoon."

He said at 5pm only Sungai Golok was over the danger level at 10.24m which is 1.24m over the danger level of 9m.

Floods which began early this week had claimed four lives so far including a 2-year-old toddler.

In **Kuala Terengganu**, floods

in the state eased further with only 696 evacuees in 17 evacuation centres as at 7pm yesterday.

All evacuation centres in Besut were closed yesterday morning as the last 57 people returned home after floodwaters subsided.

Sungai Besut returned to normal level yesterday, the first time since the floods started on Tuesday.

Kuala Terengganu joined the list of districts hit by floods with 29 victims evacuated to SK Bukit Guntung and SK Padang Air.

In Hulu Terengganu, only seven evacuees from two families remained at the Kuala Kejir evacuation centre while the number of evacuees in Kemaman was down to 73.

Marang had only 34 victims in two evacuation centres in Kampung Pasir Puteh and Kampung Jenang although Sungai Marang has returned to normal level.

In **Kuantan, T.N. Alagesh** reports that sunny skies allowed people to carry out their daily chores. Unlike the previous day, the state capital was crowded with vehicles while financial institutions and supermarkets were packed with people.

Meanwhile, the two families at Kampung Chendor Baru, here, evacuated to a relief centre on Thursday were still there yesterday.

The weekly weather outlook for **Kedah**, shows no rain in the state.

Page 1 pic: Children frolicking in floodwaters at Kampung Pasir Pekan, Kelantan, yesterday oblivious to the **lurking danger**. Pic by Fathil Asri