

Floods ease in two states

Kelantan and Terengganu relief centres see a drop in number of evacuees

KUALA LUMPUR: The overall flood situation in Kelantan has improved after the number of evacuees at relief centres dropped to 1,760 people from 1,884.

A state flood operations room spokesman said Pasir Mas district recorded the highest number of evacuees with 1,105 people, followed by Kota Baru (397) and Tumpat (78) as of 4pm today.

He added that evacuation centres were now only in three districts.

He also said Jalan Pohon Tanjung-Meranti, Pohon Tanjung-Rantau Panjang, Jalan Rantau Panjang-Panglima Bayu and Jalan Banggol Kulim in Pasir Mas district had been closed to traffic.

The spokesman said the water level at Sungai Golok in Rantau Panjang was still above the 9m danger level at 10.19m.

He added that only two water level check points at Guillemard in Kuala Krai and Jenob in Pasir Panjang were at warning levels at 14.4m (danger point 16m) and 23.27m (danger level 23.5m) respectively.

In **TERENGGANU**, a spokesman for the National Security Council said the situation had improved with the number of evacuees going down from 798 to 461.

The evacuees were being housed at Setiu (372 people), Kuala Terengganu (41), Marang (34), Hulu Terengganu (seven) and Kemaman (seven).

The spokesman said floodwaters were receding while the water level of rivers had also dropped to their normal point.

Almost 3,000 were evacuated when the floods hit the state last Sunday.



Opportunity knocks: It's business as usual for roadside traders despite the flooded roads in Rantau Panjang, Kelantan. (Right) Villagers taking advantage of the flood situation to do some fishing in Rantau Panjang yesterday.

In **PAHANG**, 11 people from two families in Kampung Chendor Baru, near Cherating, have been allowed to return to their homes.

A spokesman of the Pahang police operations room said the floodwaters which rose to half a metre at their homes had receded.

However, he added, people in low-lying areas had been advised to be on the alert for floods as the sky was overcast, indicative of rain.

