

More feared drowned in Kelantan floods

Situation worsens with three youths missing

KOTA BARU: Three youths are feared to have drowned in flood-hit Kelantan in the last 36 hours.

According to a Fire and Rescue Department spokesman, Muhamad Farid Yusof, 20, was feared to have drowned while riding a bicycle along the beach in Kuala Pak Amat, Kampung Panjang, Pengkalan Chepa, at 4.55pm on Saturday.

He said search and rescue (SAR) operations were still ongoing but had been hampered by rough sea.

In Machang, Mohd Alif Razuan Azman, 15, a student of Maktab Rendah Sains Mara Kuala Krai, is feared to have drowned while swimming in Sungai Kemuning at 4pm. SAR operations are still ongoing.

In Rantau Panjang, SAR operations are still ongoing for Mohd Azman Yusuf, 17, who is feared to have drowned in Sungai Golok on Saturday night.

To date, the floods in Kelantan have claimed four lives.

The number of flood evacuees has risen to 1,976 from 1,603 in Pasir Mas, one of the three affected districts in the state.

Two more relief centres have opened in Pasir Mas, raising their number to 12.

Kota Baru and Tumpat are the other two districts affected by the floods.

The level of the Golok River is at 10.17m in Rantau Panjang, higher than the danger point of 9m.

Seven stretches of road remain closed to light vehicles, five of them in Pasir Mas and two in Tumpat.

The affected roads in Pasir Mas are Jalan Pohon Tanjung-Meranti, Jalan Pohon Tanjung-Rantau Panjang (Jalan Lama) Kampung Siram, KM10 of Jalan Rantau Panjang-Panglima Bayu, KM1 of Jalan Banggol Kulim Lokasi 2 and KM3 of Jalan Pengkalan Rakit.

In Tumpat, the affected roads are KM3 of Jalan Cabang 4/Kampung Jambu/Meranti and KM2 of Jalan Keselamatan (Kesban) Pengkalan Kubor-Kampung Jambu.

In **TERENGGANU**, a National Security Council spokesman said the situation in flood-hit areas had improved and only 249 people remained at relief centres compared to 561 on Saturday.

He gave the breakdown as 142 in Kuala Terengganu, 77 in Setiu, 23 in Marang and seven in Hulu Terengganu.

They have been housed at five relief centres – two in Marang and one each in Hulu Terengganu, Kuala Terengganu and Setiu.

The spokesman added that the levels of all major rivers had returned to the normal point after having breached the danger point when the floods hit the state last Sunday.