



Come high water: State Drainage and Irrigation Department officers briefing Uggah (right) on the flood mitigation system to prevent frequent flooding from the Pahang river during his visit to Pekan yesterday.

Pahang and Johor issued yellow warning for heavy rain

PETALING JAYA: The Meteorological Department has issued a yellow stage advisory for heavy rain in Pahang and Johor.

Intermittent rain is expected to hit the Kuantan, Pekan and Rompin districts in Pahang as well as Mersing and Kota Tinggi districts in Johor from today until Saturday which may cause floods in low-lying areas.

In addition, the department gave a second category warning for strong north-easterly winds of 50kph to 60kph, with waves up to 4.5m over the waters off Cadore until Dec 13.

A first category warning of north-easterly winds of 40kph to 50kph was also issued, with waves of up to 3.5m over the waters off Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, East Johor, Sarawak, Labuan, Sabah (Interior, West Coast and Kudat), Samui, Tioman, Bungan, Reef

South, Reef North, Layang-Layang and Palawan until Dec 13.

The strong winds and rough seas will be dangerous to all shipping and coastal activities including fishing, ferry services, small craft, recreational sea activities and sea sports.

In **PEKAN**, Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Douglas Uggah Embas said the current telemetry flood forecasting system installed in Pahang, Terengganu, Johor and Sarawak will be upgraded to the flood forecasting system.

He said the new system would be able to give a warning 72 hours in advance compared to only 62 hours for telemetry technology.

"An earlier warning would result in better preparation," Uggah said after visiting flood-prone areas and the mitigation efforts being carried out here yesterday.