

# 3 Kerian villages in 2m of water

## TWO-DAY DOWNPOUR:

Authorities evacuate 74 to relief centres as Bukit Merah lake overflows and floods villages

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**S**EVENTY-four flood victims were evacuated on Wednesday after three villages in Kerian were submerged following heavy downpours over the past two days.

Kerian police chief Superintendent Mat Fauzi Nayan said floodwaters rose up to two metres in the affected villages and it took four hours to move the residents to the relief centre in Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Merahin, between 2pm and 6pm.

The group comprised 19 families from Kampung Batu 40 Bukit Merah, Kampung Perlis and Kampung Ban Abu Hasan, he said yesterday.

The police were assisted by fire and rescue teams, peace corps volunteers and the Welfare and Civil Defence Departments as well, Fauzi added.

Following a two-day deluge, the Bukit Merah lake overflowed and flooded the surrounding villages,



A woman ferrying people to Pekan Golok along Sungai Golok. Pic by Nik Hariff Hassan

he said.

The water had receded by about 10.30am yesterday but the evacuees were not allowed to return home until the situation returned

to normal, he said.

In Kuantan, all nine flood evacuees in Pahang returned to their homes at about 11am yesterday after floodwaters receded in their

village of Ria Semantan, Cheroh near Raub, said a spokesman of the state police operations room.

The five men and four women had been accommodated at the

relief centre at the surau of Kampung Kundang Patah, Cheroh.

A spokesman said the levels of the major rivers in Pahang were below the danger level. **Bernama**