

323 evacuated as floods rise in Kuantan and Rompin

KUANTAN: Heavy rain here and in Rompin over the past 48 hours resulted in 323 people being evacuated due to floods.

State security council secretary Badrulhisham Shah Mohd Idris said the drainage system in some parts of Kuantan central town was unable to cope with the heavy rainfall.

He noted that the affected areas did not suffer from flooding previously.

"The situation became worse with the extraordinarily heavy rainfall and the drainage system may have been unable to cope.

"However, the local authority has already taken the initiative to clear the drains," Badrulhisham

Shah said.

The evacuees comprised 79 people, who are being put up at three flood relief centres in Kuantan, and 244 in three centres in Rompin.

He said some of the evacuees in Kuantan, who were rescued late on Sunday night, had since returned home after the water level subsided.

Among them were residents in Sungai Isap Damai, Taman Isap Perdana and Kampung Galing, he said.

"Those still remaining in the three flood centres in Kuantan are from Kampung Tiram, Kampung Segantang Lada, Kampung Tanah Putih and Chenderawasih," he added.

All fun and games: Children playing on a boat near their house after Kuantan was inundated by a heavy downpour yesterday.

