

More evacuated due to floods

Woes not over yet for Johor, Pahang and Sabah as Sarawak and Kelantan face deluge



Under water: Andrew Kira, 44, making his way around Kampung Bumbok's flooded cemetery after Sungai Sarawak Kanan burst its banks.

PETALING JAYA: More people have been evacuated due to floods in Johor, Pahang and Sabah while seven families in Sarawak were moved to safer ground after floods hit on Sunday night.

In JOHOR, the flood situation in several districts saw 1,236 victims from 313 families being housed at 19 flood relief centres.

As at 4pm, Mersing still has the highest number of evacuees with 679 victims, followed by Segamat (388) and Batu Pahat (151).

However, the flood relief centres in Pontian and Kluang have been closed as at 12pm and 2pm, respectively, on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the National Security Council portal reported that the

earth road leading to the orang asli village of Peta in Endau-Rompin National Park is still under water and the settlement can be reached only by boat or plane.

In PAHANG, the number of evacuees in the Rompin district has risen to 946 from 618 overnight, according to a spokesman from the state police flood operations room.

He said one more relief centre was opened last night at SK Sarang Tiong to house 137 evacuees, raising the number of relief centres to five.

"Some 422 evacuees are being put up at SK Pianggu, 247 at the Teluk Gading hall, 119 at the Bukit Serok centre and 21 at the Kampung Rekoh community hall," he added.



Prep work: Villagers using sand bags to shore up the edges of chalets to prevent soil erosion at Kampung Pantai Chat in Bachok yesterday. — Bernama

In SABAH, the number of evacuees from Kampung Gum Gum in Sandakan rose to 351 yesterday morning from 341 on Sunday night, said a spokesman from the Sandakan Municipal Council flood operations centre.

All the evacuees are being housed at the Gum Gum multipurpose hall at Batu 16, he said.

In SARAWAK, seven families were evacuated after several low-lying

areas in the Samarahan division were hit by floods on Sunday night following heavy rain over the past two days and high tides, said a spokesman from the state flood operations room.

He said they were from Kampung Asajaya Hulu and Kampung Serpan Ulu.

In KELANTAN, 40 families from six villages living along the coastal areas of Bachok were forced to keep

awake for more than eight hours on Sunday night due to high tides, strong winds and huge waves, reports Bernama.

Residents of Kampung Pantai Damak, Kampung Perupuk, Kampung Kubang Golok, Bachok old city near Pantai Irama, Kampung Tok Burung and Kampung Tanjung Chat said their houses were submerged in 0.2m to 0.4m of sea water.