

Flash floods hit Kluang again as Segamat river levels recede

JOHOR BARU: Rain in Kluang in the afternoon caused flash floods again in several areas.

State Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) director Chong Chee Han, however, said the water levels in Segamat rivers were slowly going down.

"We are still on stand-by at all the districts in the state," he said.

He also urged residents to check with the Meteorological Department and be prepared for more flooding especially during high tide from Sunday until Dec 28.

As at 4pm yesterday, there were 965 flood evacuees at 25 flood evacuation centres in the state - 405 in Segamat, 395 in Mersing and 165 in Batu Pahat.

In Batu Pahat, district Civil Defence Department chief Musi Kipli said 44 department staff were on duty everyday.

District Welfare Department officer R.

Chitharthany said the department had sent out food and other essential supplies to several flood-prone areas such as Yong Peng and Sri Medan.

"We have set up a depot in Sri Medan in case of floods," he said.

In **MARAN**, floods caused 218 people from 51 families to be evacuated to relief centres.

According to Maran MP, Datuk Ismail Abd Muttalib, their homes in Kampung Paya Chedong and Kampung Luit were in 0.5m to 1.5m of water at noon yesterday, following heavy rain overnight.

In **TEMERLOH**, the Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry's Pahang director Mohd Aruwan Ab Aziz said wholesalers, retailers, traders and supermarkets in the state had been given permission to hold 30% more stock to ensure there would be no shortage of essential items.