



*National Service Training Department director-general **Datuk Abdul Hadi Awang Kechil** says trainees are allowed to report late*

Situation to worsen in four states

KUALA LUMPUR: The recent bout of floods that hit Johor, Pahang, Sabah and Sarawak is expected to worsen with major rivers already showing signs of over-flowing.

Sarawak recorded the highest number of victims with 2,657 people at 15 relief centres.

According to the National Security Council's website yesterday, the relief centre in Samarahan topped the list with 1,407 victims, followed by Selangau (558), Kuching (500), Sri Aman (102) and Asajaya (84).

The website of the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) said Sungai Batang Sadong in Serian, Sarawak, had triggered a "warning" alert at 8.57m at 5pm yesterday, warning residents of impending floods.

With continuous heavy rain in the past four days causing massive floods in Sarawak, the authorities said it might get worse with high tides at major waterways.

In **Sabah**, the districts of Tenom, Kemabong, Tambunan, Beaufort and Keningau were in danger of being inundated as the six rivers in these areas reached alert level.

In **Johor**, the situation improved with more victims in Segamat, Mersing and Batu Pahat allowed to go home, leaving only 715 people at 11 relief centres yesterday.

However, DID warned those staying near Sungai Muar and Sungai Simpang Kiri Batu Pahat to be cautious as the water levels were close to reaching the alert level.

In **Pahang**, the situation in Rompin improved with only 15 evacuees remaining at the relief centre in Kampung Gadak.

As for National Service trainees who were affected by floods in their areas, the National Service Training Department said they were allowed to report late.

Its director-general, Datuk Abdul Hadi Awang Kechil, said the trainees would have to get confirmation letters from their respective village heads or any of the relief centres and flood operations rooms.