

Thousands still hit by floods

KUALA LUMPUR: The floods that hit Pahang, Johor, Sabah and Sarawak are still affecting thousands.

Sarawak recorded the highest number of flood victims with a state flood operations room spokesman reporting that 3,999 people were sheltering at 20 relief centres yesterday.

He said Samarahan had the highest number of evacuees at 3,123 people from 743 families, followed by Kuching (168 families/648 people), Sibü (30/128) and Sri Aman (32/100).

He said the authorities were only

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allowing evacuees to return to their homes on a case-by-case basis as the situation could deteriorate.

The floods in low-lying areas in Sarawak have been attributed to the incessant heavy rain over the last four days coupled with high tide at major waterways.

In **JOHOR**, the situation improved slightly with 1,075 victims still housed at shelters yesterday morning compared to 1,177 the previous night.

The National Security Council's portal said they were in 17 relief centres – eight in Segamat, six in Mersing and three in Batu Pahat.

In **PAHANG**, the situation improved in flood-hit Rompin with only 67 victims from 17 families still at shelters compared to 567 people on Tuesday night.

A spokesman at the state police headquarters' flood operations room in Kuantan said only two relief centres remained open in the district

with the Teluk Gading public hall housing 52 victims while the rest were in the Kampung Gadak public hall.

"They cannot go home yet because their villages along the mouth of Sungai Pahang are at risk of the high tide phenomenon," he said.

The spokesman added that among the affected villages were Kampung Mentara, Kampung Sarang Tiong and Kampung Gadak.

In **SABAH**, more flood victims in

Kampung Gum Gum in Sandakan had been allowed to return to their homes and only 57 people remained in shelters compared to 351 evacuees on Tuesday night.

It was also reported that floodwaters had now spilled into Kampung Pinampadan in the sub-district of Paitan but no evacuation had been ordered yet.

The residents of Kampung Tangkarason, Tanjung Nipis, Maidan, Lingkabau and Simpangan in the area had also been placed on alert to be evacuated should the situation worsen. — Bernama