



**Clean again:** Salbiah Saaban and her family members washing their house in Kampung Tanjung Endau yesterday.

# Men stay back to guard homes

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**MERSING:** Although the police patrol flood-hit areas frequently, the men-folk in a fishing village here stay behind to protect their homes against burglars while their families sleep at the SK Bandar Endau relief centre.

"We do not want to take chances," said Alwi Talib.

"There are people who take advantage of the situation and break into houses while the owners are away," said the 45-year-old in Kampung Tanjung Endau yesterday.

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— ALWI TALIB

The village, about 38km from here, lies on the banks of Sungai Endau and is flood prone.

"Although nothing can be done when the water level rises, we just want to make sure that our houses are not broken into or risk having our valuables wash away," Alwi said.

He believed that the floods were not caused by constant rain but high tide.

Mohd Zukri Mohd Noor, 30, said the village was usually flooded between December and January every year.

"We try to save what we can, but sometimes the water rises too fast," he said.

Housewife Rosnani Mohd Yusof, 47, said her house was badly affected in the recent floods.

"It was chaotic as the floods occurred at around 11pm and I could not do anything except to save my refrigerator," she added.