

Flood situation improves in Johor and Sabah

JOHOR BARU: The flood situation in both Johor and Sabah has improved with many of the evacuees allowed to return home.

In Johor, there were only 241 evacuees remaining at the relief centres yesterday, down from the 1,200 people taking shelter when the flood was at its worst on Monday.

The National Security Council's portal reported Segamat as the only

district with six centres still open.

State police chief Deputy Comm Datuk Mokhtar Mohd Shariff said no break-ins had been reported during the floods, which affected several districts for more than a week.

All police personnel, he added, were also instructed to check on the homes affected by floods.

On a report that several men from Kampung Tanjung Endau in Mersing were staying back to guard their

homes from being broken into, he reminded the public not to take their safety for granted.

"Floodwaters are unpredictable and it is dangerous for anyone to guard their belongings when their homes are hit by floods," he said.

In **KOTA KINABALU**, 18 families in Kampung Gum-Gum in Sandakan were allowed to return home after being evacuated on Christmas eve while another 287 residents contin-

ued to remain in relief centres.

However, police personnel are on standby as the state braces itself for another round of bad weather.

Federal Internal Security and Public Order director Datuk Salleh Mat Rasid said police all over the country would monitor flood-prone areas and coastal settlements with king tides expected in Samarahan, Sarawak, and Likas Bay here yesterday.