



Yaacob Ibrahim **tying his home with ropes** to prevent it from being swept away by the strong currents in Sungai Kelantan in Kota Baru yesterday. Pic by Syamsi Suhaimi

Five villages evacuated

NO LET-UP: 200 in Kuala Krai forced to leave as water levels rise above the danger level

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ALMOST 200 people in Kuala Krai were forced to leave their homes yesterday when floods hit the state for the third time.

The floods swept through Kampung Manek Urai Lama, Kampung Laloh, Kampung Lata Rek, Kampung Hamzah and Kampung Gatal, all in Kuala Krai, following intermittent and moderate rain in the interior areas of the state over the past few days.

As at 3.30pm, 194 people from the five villages were evacuated to relief centres at SK Kampung Manek Urai Lama, SMK Laloh and SM Teknik Kuala Krai.

A spokesman from the state security council said the number of affected villages was expected to rise if rain did not let up.

He said water levels at flood assessment

points at Krai Steps, Guillemard Bridge and Rantau Panjang had risen above the danger level.

As at 4pm, the water level at Krai Steps was recorded at 25.56m (danger level is 25m) while Guillemard Bridge was measured at 16.18m (danger level is 16m).

The spokesman said the level at Sungai Golok in Rantau Panjang was recorded at 9.07m, just above its danger level of 9m.

"Those living in the low-lying areas in Rantau Panjang have yet to be evacuated from their homes as Sungai Golok has yet to overflow its banks.

"Rantau Panjang and several areas in Kota Baru might be flooded if rain continues in the rural areas this (yesterday) evening."

He added that no major roads were closed to traffic except the Jalan Tanah Merah-Kusial rural road at Km2.4, which was closed to light traffic after it was submerged under 0.5m of water.