

More evacuated as floods hit peninsula's east coast

KUALA LUMPUR: More people have been evacuated in the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia as floods hit Terengganu yesterday morning, raising to 1,011 the number of evacuees in Terengganu, Kelantan and Pahang.

Up to 290 people were moved to five relief centres in Setiu district in Terengganu.

Pahang has 445 evacuees at four relief centres in the Kuantan and Pekan districts while Kelantan has 276, also at four relief centres, in the Kuala Krai district.

Some rivers in Terengganu and Kelantan were still swollen while a road in Pahang was closed to light vehicles.

In **KUALA TERENGGANU**, the state government portal reported that the 290 evacuees were being housed at SK Kuala Besut, Kampung Besut community hall, Permaisuri old market, Kampung Besut surau and Seladang community hall.

The state Drainage and Irrigation Department reported that the level of the Setiu River in Kampung Langkap had dropped to the warning point. On Saturday, it had

risen to the danger point and burst its banks.

In **KUANTAN**, a police flood operations room spokesman said 323 of the evacuees in the state were from Kampung Cenderawasih in the Pekan district, and were being housed at SK Sinar Mutiara.

The other 122 evacuees were from six villages in the Kuantan district, and were being housed at the Panching community hall, SMK Gudang Rasau and the Cherating community hall, he said.

In **KOTA BARU**, a state flood operations room spokesman said the number of evacuees rose to 276 from 173 overnight in the Kuala Krai district.

He said they were being housed at SK Yuk Chai, SM Teknik Kuala Krai, SMK Laloh and SK Manek Urai Lama.

The spokesman said the levels of the Kelantan River at Kusial, Tanah Merah, and the Golok River at Rantau Panjang were above the danger point and this could cause floods in low-lying areas. — Bernama