

S'gor to seek RM1bil for flood mitigation

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KLANG: The state government will submit a request for a RM1bil allocation to build more retention ponds to the Federal Government soon, Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim said.

Khalid said the proposal papers were ready but the matter would be discussed with state exco members before being submitted.

"The proposal will explain why the allocation is necessary and what would happen if retention ponds and drains are not built.

"Since the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) is under the Federal Government,

it is only right they fund the project," he said after handing out aid to flood victims at the district office yesterday.

Massive floods hit the district late last month which caused businesses and schools to close.

Khalid also said the state government would ensure that those living near river reserves vacated the area.

"We cannot ask them to leave just like that. Although it is legally not right, we will ask them to vacate in a nice manner," he said.

On several floodgates that were said to be faulty, he said: "All floodgates are in working condition but three or four of them need some repairs."