

Police, army on standby to help flood victims

GEARED FOR THE WORST: Adequate stockpile of food, says Muhyiddin

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WITH the start of the rainy season, it's all systems go for government agencies as they prepare to deal with the problems that come with it.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the government was closely monitoring the situation and getting regular reports from the relevant agencies on the flood situation nationwide.

"We are prepared for all possibilities. Even if it is bigger this time around."

He said the government had put the police, army and volunteer groups on standby to help deal with

the situation.

Muhyiddin, who is also the National Disaster Management Committee chairman, said the government had also stockpiled food so that it could be dispersed to people displaced by floods.

"We are also closely monitoring the water levels in the rivers. We hope the public will listen to any advisory that we may issue. If we ask them to evacuate, I hope they will do so as we don't want any untoward incidents."

Muhyiddin said the Education Ministry had also prepared contingency plans to ensure that the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia and the Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia examinations go on uninterrupted.

He said specific orders had been given to schools on handling the flood situation and alternative places had been identified for students to sit for their exams.

With measures taken, he said no interruptions were expected during the examinations this year.



Housewife **Asiah Ab Rahman, 47**, and **her children** rearranging plates and other items **after a downpour flooded her house in Kampung Semarang, Dengkil, yesterday.** Pic by Ahmad Irham Mohd Noor