



Rains come early

Continuous lashing inter-monsoon rains have caused flooding earlier than usual in the Klang Valley and west coast states. Several stretches of the Federal Highway, including the road to the Subang airport, were barely passable. With low-lying areas submerged, more than 3,600 people were evacuated in Johor, Selangor, Perak and Malacca. > See reports on Pages 4 and 6

Wheeling and reeling: Darus Mat Rendah, 64, being pushed through knee-deep water by his daughter-in-law Rusmadi, 32, at their house in Kampung Selabak near Teluk Intan, Perak.

Students quite prepared for floods



BATU PAHAT: Form Five student Norzmylika Noramin and her elder sister Norfazilatul who is sitting for her STPM examinations later in the month are taking the floods in their stride.

Norzmylika, who is sitting for her SPM examinations, said the flood posed a problem for them, but they were quite prepared.

"Our only problem is that our revision books are back in our flooded house. There is no way we can go and collect them as the water level is quite high," she said at the SK Seri Tiga Serangkai relief centre yesterday.

Norzmylika hopes the waters will subside soon so that she and her family can go home.

Norzmylika said the water levels rose above their knees and they had no choice but to move to the nearby relief centre. "We are thankful that the secretariat at the centre prepared a study room for us to rest and do our revision," she said.



Norfazilatul said her teachers were very concerned about their predicament and had even prepared a hostel for them.

"But we decided to stay here, close to our family," she said.

Another evacuee Tumisa Dahlan, 62, said villagers were caught by surprise as the rain came much earlier than usual.

She said they were less prepared and therefore were unable to save many of their belongings.

"It is unusual for the Parit Sulong area to be hit by floods first as nor-

mally, other areas like Segamat, Yong Peng, Ayer Hitam and Seri Medan would be hit first," she added.

As at press time, 1,938 people have been evacuated to 15 relief centres in Batu Pahat.

Other areas affected by floods in Johor are Kluang and Ledang.



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Water terror:

Norzmylika (left) and Norfazilatul wading through the floodwaters to get to their school in Kampung Parit Gantung, Parit Sulong, Batu Pahat. (Below) Housewife Asiah Rahman and her children moving their belongings out of their flooded home in Kampung Semarang, Dengkil. — Bernama

