

Student flood victims to be housed at hostels



Timely help: Flood victims receiving mattresses brought in by the Putera 1Malaysia Club at a relief centre in SK Sungai Suloh in Batu Pahat.

PETALING JAYA: The Education Ministry has made arrangements for SPM and STPM candidates who are flood victims to be housed at hostels nearest to their examination halls.

Its Deputy Minister Datuk Dr Mohd Puad Zakarshi said this was to ensure that no candidates taking the two major examinations would face difficulties due to the floods.

He said that so far, 14 schools in Johor, Malacca, Selangor and Perak had been turned into temporary flood relief centres while 22 SPM and STPM candidates were among more than 4,000 people evacuated due to the floods.

Among the most badly affected areas are Batu Pahat in Johor and Kuala Langat and Sepang in Selangor.

Dr Mohd Puad, who is Batu Pahat MP, said that as at yesterday, no schools had been closed

down due to floods.

SJK (C) Yeong Chang in Sungai Suloh was flooded for a few hours, but it was still operating as usual, he said after visiting a relief centre in SK Sungai Suloh in Batu Pahat yesterday.

Meanwhile Civil Defence Department director-general Datuk Sulaiman Keling said the department was prepared to help examination candidates and students who needed transport to schools and vice versa.

Johor Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar visited flood victims in several districts affected by the floods in the state.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai has advised people to stay away from floodwaters.

He said diseases like cholera, dengue and leptospirosis spread easily during the flood season.

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