

Floods ease up in four states

SAFE FOR NOW: Most victims in Perak, Johor, Selangor and Malacca allowed to return home

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THE flood situation in Perak, Johor, Selangor and Malacca is showing signs of abating after reports of many evacuation centres closing up yesterday evening.

The majority of the flood victims in the four states were allowed to return home although there were still people seeking shelter in several evacuation centres.

In Selangor, the National Security Council

(NSC) reported that all four evacuation centres in Sepang, which were opened earlier this week, were closed as of 4pm yesterday. One centre was also closed in Kuala Langat.

There were 990 evacuees from 260 families in Kuala Langat.

In **Perak**, only the Sekolah Kebangsaan Changkat Jong, Batu 8 evacuation centre was still sheltering 134 victims from 41 families, said the district welfare office. There were 169 victims from 50 families at the school earlier.

As of 3pm yesterday, one evacuation centre at Chikus in Hilir Perak district was closed. There were five evacuation centres in Perak previously.

In **Johor**, there were still 767 flood victims in evacuation centres in Redang and Batu Pahat, compared with 980 on Wednesday. The number of evacuees at the Redang relief centre remains unchanged, with 31 evacuees from six families still seeking shelter there.

In **Malacca**, only one evacuation centre was still in operation in Jasin. Malacca flood



The prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, who is also the Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers president, holding 30-day-old Mohd Adil Putra Mohd Amin at the Dewan Orang Ramai in Dengkil, Selangor. His parents, Salina Saharuddin, 25, (left) and Mohd Amin Usman, 23, along with their son, Mohd Aqit, 2, have been taking refuge at the hall which has been turned into a flood relief centre. Rosmah also handed a RM10,000 cheque to the Welfare Association of Selangor Barisan Nasional Elected Representatives' Wives to be used to buy food for nearly 2,000 flood victims in Selangor. Pic by Fariz Iswadi Ismail

relief centre officer Major Jafri Mohamed said of the flood evacuees, only 12 families were still left at SK Tehel in Jasin.

Meanwhile, Fire and Rescue Department

director-general Datuk Wan Mohd Nor Ibrahim said 13,000 firemen were put on standby nationwide to deal with rescue and relocation efforts in case of floods.