



A man cycling through a flooded road in **Rancangan Tanah Belia Kampung Bukit Changgang, Banting**, yesterday. Pic by Fariz Iswadi Ismail

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Floods worsen in Selangor

HEAVY RAIN: State reopens relief centre
as the number of flood victims rises

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WHILE flood victims in
Johor began to leave
evacuation centres, the
same could not be said for those
in Selangor and Malacca.

Selangor reopened one of its
evacuation centres, Dewan
Taman Gemilang Kg Semarang
in Sepang, yesterday due to a
dramatic rise in water levels due
to heavy rain.

The National Security Council
(NSC), in its website, said the
centre was reopened as a pre-
caution in case the evacuation
centre in Dengkil could not cope
with the rising number of flood
victims.

"As of 4pm (yesterday) Selan-
gor has seven active relief cen-
tres with 1,273 victims compared
with 1,045 victims yesterday,"
said an NSC officer.

The Drainage and Irrigation
Department also issued a warn-
ing in its website on the rising
water levels at four areas — Sun-
gai Selangor near Kuala Badong,
Teluk Penyamun, Rantau Pan-
jang and Sungai Langat near

Bukit Changgang.

All four locations have
reached danger levels. The pub-
lic was advised to be cautious.

In **Malacca**, the number of vic-
tims increased to 90, and all
were placed at a relief centre.

An NSC officer told the *New
Straits Times* a storm that hit the
Teluk Gong area in Malacca yes-
terday saw 33 houses affected.

"Two victims were sent to
Malacca Hospital to receive out-
patient treatment.

"Families affected by the
storms are taking shelter in
Kampung Teluk Gong Hall."

In **Johor**, only 141 victims were
left at three evacuation centres.
However, strong winds are fore-
cast in the Pulau Layang-Layang
area tomorrow, so the public are
advised to take precautions.

In **Alor Star**, **Bernama** reported
that the Civil Defence Depart-
ment in Kedah was all set should
floods hit the state.

Its floods operations coordi-
nator Saifuddin Abdullah said
staff and volunteers were in a
high state of preparedness and
all gear including boats had
been tested so that deployment
could be made on short notice.