



Two women trudging through **muddy water** as they leave their homes at **Kampung Jimah Lama** in Port Dickson, Negri Sembilan, for a flood relief centre on Tuesday. Pic by Mohd Khidir Zakaria



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MONSOON SEASON: Water levels of two rivers in Selangor, one in Johor above danger level

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THE number of flood victims in Selangor and Perak rose slightly yesterday as the Meteorological Department forecast that the current rainy weather is expected to continue until January.

A department spokesman said heavy monsoon rains were expected to affect mainly the eastern parts of Pahang and Johor. Sabah and Sarawak will experienced heavy monsoon rains until February.

Meanwhile, the National Security Council reported that in **Selangor**, the number of evacuees rose to 1,312 victims from 330 families as of 4pm yesterday compared with 1,303 on Tuesday.

In **Perak**, the number was 45 people from 11 families compared with 39 people the day before. The victims are seeking shelter at the Sekolah Agama Rakyat Kampung Padang Serai in Manjung.

In **Johor**, the number of flood victims remained unchanged at 143 people from 34 families, while in **Malacca** it dropped from 84 to 60 yesterday.

The most recent state to be affected by floods was **Sarawak**, which has opened a

flood relief centre in Dewan Suarah Marudi. Five victims from one family are staying at the centre.

The Drainage and Irrigation Department has reported that the water levels in two rivers in Selangor, and one in Johor, have risen above the warning level.

According to its portal, the level at Sungai Langat was 4.08m while the level at Sungai Selangor was at 3.67m as at 4pm yesterday.

In Johor, the level at Sungai Lenik has exceeded the warning level and was at 5.31m. It said this posed a further risk to Batu Pahat, the worst hit area in the state.

In **Seremban**, the flash flood in Jimah, Port Dickson, on Tuesday was because the shallow Sungai Jimah was unable to cope with the large volume of water during the heavy rains.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said yesterday the state natural disaster relief committee was monitoring the water level in the river.

"The area has not been hit by floods for so long due to its efficient drainage system.

"We do not discount the possibility that the river, which has become shallow due to the development at the surrounding area, was the main cause of the flood," he said after a state exco meeting at Wisma Negeri.

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