

Flood warning to people living near rivers

ALERT: Rivers in Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Kedah breach danger levels

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THE Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) has sent out a warning to those living near rivers in Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Kedah to be on the alert for floods.

According to its website yesterday, the levels in the Kuala Langat, Kuala Selangor and Hulu Selangor rivers in Selangor; Jempol, Gemas and Rembau in Negri Sembilan; and Sik in Kedah had breached the warning or danger levels.

The National Security Council reported that the number of flood evacuees in Selangor and Negri Sembilan was 18 and 20 respectively. They were being accommodated at two relief centres — Sungai Nilam surau in Sungai Selisek, Hulu Bernam and Kampung Batu Kikir Timur community hall

in Jempol.

On Tuesday night, more than 100 families in Kampung Laksamana, Selayang, were affected after a two-hour downpour. Their homes were inundated with water rising to more than a one metre after Sungai Udang overflowed its banks.

One victim, Roslan Salleh, 56, a retired secondary school teacher, blamed the situation on the poor disposal of waste.

"The river is filled with debris and rubbish. That why was it overflowed. My motorcycle, electrical items as well as furniture were submerged in water."

Roslan, who has been living in the area for the past 25 years, said the floodwaters receded late on Tuesday night.

Village headman Mahamad Ismail, 62, said preparations for his son's wedding this Saturday had been affected.

"Gifts and other valuables for the wedding were destroyed," he said, adding that his losses were about RM40,000.

The retired army officer said he and his family had to spend the night at one of his children's house in Rawang.

Mahamad said he did not have enough time to save his belongings.

The other affected areas in Selayang were Kampung Nakhoda, Kampung Sungai Tua Gantian, Kampung Sungai Kertas dan Kampung Ulu Yam Baru.