

More rain expected in 4 states

BAD WEATHER:

Thunderstorms forecast in Johor, Pahang, Negri Sembilan and Selangor, says dept

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RESIDENTS in several states should take precautions in the coming days as water levels of rivers are expected to rise because of rains, said the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) yesterday.

The states involved are Johor, Pahang, Negri Sembilan and Selangor.

In Selangor, continuous rain is expected to affect residents staying near Sungai Langat, Sungai Bernam and Sungai Selangor while in Negri Sembilan, residents staying near Sungai Serting, Sungai Muar and Sungai Rembau have

been told to take precautions.

In Johor, residents near Sungai Bekok as well as those staying near Empangan Repas in Bentong, Pahang, were told to prepare for evacuation.

The Malaysian Meteorological Department said thunderstorms and rain were expected in these states in the next 24 hours.

In Selangor, 80 flood victims of Kampung Laksamana recalled the

terrifying ordeal they had gone through in saving themselves and their belongings on Tuesday night.

Wong Yit Lin, 85, said: "It all happened within minutes.



A man and his son cleaning their house in Kampung Laksamana, Selangor, which was inundated on Wednesday. Pic by Muhd Asyraf Sawal

"I was alone at home when floodwaters gushed into my house, breaking the wall and destroying everything I own.

"I had to swim and wade through the floodwaters to my neighbours' house for safety."

The floodwaters turned her house into a mess and damaged her furniture and electrical appliances.

Wong estimated her losses at RM20,000.

Another flood victim, Jaspreet Singh, a farmer, said the floodwaters had destroyed his dairy equipment. He suffered RM15,000 in losses.

Kampung Laksamana villagers claimed that the flood was because of failure to close the Batu dam.

Yau Weng Keong, 50, said: "The dam should have been shut down when it rained heavily. This is the worst flood to happen in 25 years."

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation distributed blankets and RM300 in cash to victims yesterday.

The Social Welfare Department is gathering information from seven affected villages, consisting of 300 families to provide them with financial assistance.