



Floods, such as the one that hit **Taman Desa Sentosa** in **Hulu Langat**, Selangor, are **unpredictable**, forcing the National Security Council to stay alert. Pic by Yong Chee Choong

Floods recede but authorities on alert

UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER: National Security Council not easing up

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THE National Security Council is still on alert despite the subsiding of floodwaters in Selangor.

Its secretary, Datuk Mohamed Thajudeen Abdul Wahab, said the council had taken precautions in case floods recurred, adding that the cleaning up process with several volunteer organisations in flood-affected areas was under way.

“With this extreme and unpredictable weather, one cannot foresee when disasters will take place. However, we’ve taken all the necessary precautions to face future challenges and we urge the public and other organisations to work

hand-in-hand with us,” he said.

One of the council’s standard operating procedure is to work with the Welfare Department, Rela, police and non-governmental organisations to assist victims during and after floods.

Several community-based programmes had been held at flood-affected areas to educate the public on the precautions to be taken during flooding.

“We also held a post-mortem to assess the situation and what could be done to prevent worst-case scenarios during the floods that took place in September and October to prepare ourselves for the future.”

It was good news for Selangor when the last evacuation centre in Kuala Langat closed its doors yes-

terday.

Johor remains the only flood-affected state with 21 victims in two evacuation centres in Segamat as Sungai Muar’s water level increased.

According to the Drainage and Irrigation Department, rivers breached their danger levels in several states, with Sungai Rembau in Negri Sembilan recording high levels.

Other areas where danger levels have been breached are Sungai Muar and Sungai Sembrong in Johor, the Repas dam near Bentong and Sungai Triang in Pahang.

The Meteorological Department has forecast that there will be downpours in several states in the coming days and urged residents to take precautions.