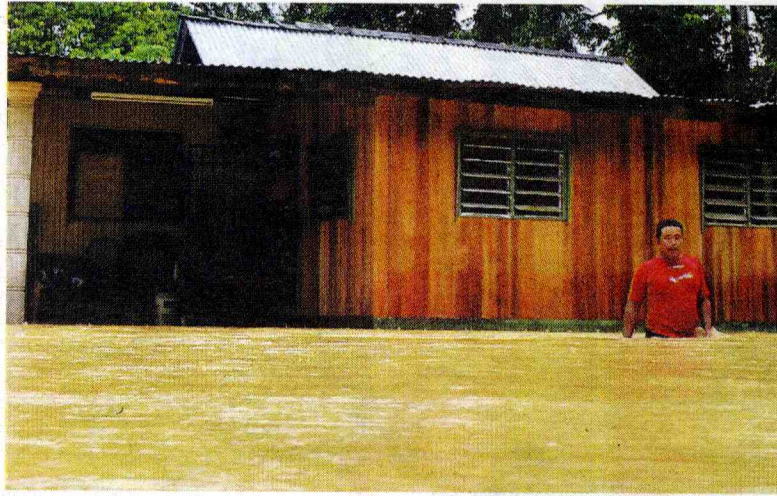


More evacuated in Kelantan

Orange weather alert issued as floods worsen and water levels surpass danger limit



Braving the monsoon: Wan Zulazrey Muhamad leaving his flooded home in Kampung Wakaf Bunut. — Bernama

KOTA BARU: The number of evacuees increased to more than 100 people in the afternoon as floods worsened in Kelantan.

They were housed at various evacuation centres here and in Machang, Pasir Mas and Pasir Puteh.

Kelantan National Security Council secretary Roslee Mamat said the water level at Sungai Golok in Jenob registered 24.64m, surpassing the danger mark of 23.5m, while the water level in Rantau Panjang registered 9.25m, exceeding the danger level of 9m.

He said the water levels of other rivers were also reaching the warn-

ing levels.

Kelantan has issued an orange-level weather alert and the condition is expected to persist till tomorrow, he added.

Mentri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat, in his latest Facebook entry, called on the people to stay vigilant during the monsoon season and to ensure safety of their family members, especially children.

He also called in all state agencies, including elected representatives, to continue helping those affected by the floods.

Meanwhile, 2,000 students of the Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) city campus could not attend their



School is out: Students and staff of Universiti Malaysia Kelantan wading through the floodwaters near the campus in Kota Baru. All activities were suspended due to the rising floodwaters. — Bernama

lectures as the campus was inundated by floods following downpours.

UMK public relations officer Mohamad Naim Idris said the campus, located in a low-lying area, was prone to flooding, especially after one day of heavy rain. Checks by

Bernama also found 50 nearby shops and stalls closed because of the floods.

Baharin Mat Hassan, unit head of the Kelantan Volunteer Fire Brigade based at the Pengkalan Chepa Fire and Rescue Services Department station, said eight members of its

4x4 squad provided rescue services to stranded residents and students and moved them to higher ground.

He said four cars were submerged in floodwaters but they were only able to pull out one car from the area because the others were locked and their owners could not be located.