

Terengganu sees 800 flee second wave

ABOVE DANGER LEVEL: Roads closed as floodwaters rise in several areas

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A SECOND wave of floods struck three districts in the state, a few hours after the last victims of the first wave went home yesterday.

Heavy rains of up to 320mm since midnight had caused 801 people in Hulu Terengganu, Dungun and Kemaman to seek shelter in eight evacuation centres.

Hulu Terengganu was the hardest hit, with 600 people evacuated to five relief centres in Kampung Cheting, Kampung Lubuk Periuk, Kampung Menerong, Kampung Pelandan and Kampung Peneh.

The water level at Sungai Berang rose to 26.06m, about two metres above the danger level.

The Mengkawang-Tersat and Bukit Diman-Pengkalan Ajal roads were closed as they were under 2m and 1.2m of water respectively.

In **Kemaman**, the mosque and community hall of Kampung Padang Kubu were turned into flood relief centres as 162 people were evacuated.

Jalan Teladas near the Teladas bridge was closed as it was under 0.6m of water.

State Education, Higher Education, Science, Technology and Human Resources Committee chairman Datuk Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman said a total of 11 schools in Hulu Terengganu, Kemaman and Setiu will be closed today.

He said Hulu Terengganu, the hardest hit district, has the highest number of schools that will not be able to start the schooling session.



Parents **bringing their children home after registering** for the new school year at Sekolah Kebangsaan Pusat, Kemaman. Pic by Sairien Nafis

"Seven schools in Hulu Terengganu namely SK Tengku Ampuan Intan, SK Kua, SK Felda Tersat, SK Lubok Periuk, SK Menerong, SK Bukit Tadok and SM Menerong will be closed tomorrow (today)," he said when contacted yesterday.

He said in Kemaman, the affected schools are SM Bukit Mentok, SK Padang Kubu and SK Seberang Tayor while in Setiu only SK Kampung Besut will be closed.

In **Tumpat**, Bernama reports that five schools in two districts will not reopen today for the new school term because the surrounding areas remain flooded.

State education director, Hussain Awang said the new school term had been postponed by a day for four schools here — Sekolah Ke-

bangsaan Simpangan, Sekolah Kebangsaan Bandang Pak Yong, Sekolah Kebangsaan Tok Jering and Sekolah Agama Bantuan Kerajaan (SABK) Nurrul Huda — and one in Pasir Mas, SABK Diniah.

"We will determine tomorrow if the schools can be reopened the following day or otherwise," he said after a visit to Sekolah Kebangsaan Tok Jering, here.

Hussain advised parents to contact the schools or monitor the news over the mass media on the reopening of the affected schools.

The schools would have to replace the school day on another date, he said.

In **Kuantan**, heavy downpour since early yesterday morning

inundated several low-lying areas, forcing the evacuation of 32 families to three flood relief centres.

The latest evacuation was conducted two days after all relief centres in the state were closed when more than 3,000 evacuees were allowed to return home.

Flash floods yesterday hit Kampung Galing, Galing Besar and Taman Sri Kuantan.

In **Balok** near here, 45 people from 13 families were taking shelter while nine people from a family in Kampung Sungai Ular, Cherating, were at the Sekolah Kebangsaan Cherating relief centre.

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