

More seek shelter from floods

WEATHER IMPROVES IN JOHOR: State opens 3 relief centres in Kota Tinggi

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JOHOR saw an increase in the number of flood victims yesterday despite the improved weather over the past two days.

A total of 1,700 flood evacuees from 416 families were reported at 5pm yesterday against 423 from 107 families on Monday.

Johor Social Welfare Department director Khatijah Abdullah said three new centres in Kota Tinggi had been opened, bringing the number to seven in the district and Mersing.

State National Security Council assistant secretary Ronzi Mohd Khairan said one of the new centres in Kota Tinggi was Dewan Kampung Mawai Baru Sedili where 12 families were taking shelter.

He said Dewan Semai Bakti Felda Air Tawar 1 was opened at 1pm for 254 victims while Dewan Kampung Baru Sungai Mas, which was closed on Jan 20, was reopened yesterday at 7am.

Five families were taking shelter at the multipurpose hall.

Other centres included Balai Raya Kampung Gembut Dalam Sedili, Balai Raya Kampung Perpat Sedili and Dewan Seri Mahkota Sedili.

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3pm for 721 victims from 181 families."

In **Rompin**, heavy rain from Sunday caused flooding in several areas, with the number of evacuees rising from 14 in the morning to 338 at 6pm yesterday.

The evacuees were seeking shelter at Leban Chondong multi-purpose hall, SK Pianggu, Teluk Gading multi-purpose hall and

Leban Chondong community hall.

The victims were from Kampung Pianggu, Kampung Kasang, Kampung Rantau Panjang, Kampung Gading and Kampung Kurnia.

A spokesperson from the state police headquarters said it was the second time the areas were hit by floods after the first round of floods last December.

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