

Hulu Besut under water



Masjid Hadhari in Jertih, Terengganu, is flooded after the river beside it bursts its banks. Pic by Mohamad Ishak

SHIFTED 30 METRES: Flash floods wash away parts of a house and shop

BESUT

FLOODWATERS washed away parts of a house and a grocery shop in Kampung La, Hulu Besut, yesterday. The sections of the buildings, located by the main road between Jerteh and Keruak and close to Sungai Besut, were moved more than 30 metres by the fast-flowing floodwaters.

Hulu Besut assemblyman Nawi Mohamad said the house belonged to Zakaria Ibrahim while the shopowner was Abdul Razak Abas.

He said the floods hit Kampung La at about noon yesterday and worsened an hour later as Sungai Besut burst its banks.

"The occupants of the house managed to save themselves from being washed away by the swift-flowing floodwaters while the retailer had already moved to a relief centre."

Nawi said the floods forced the evacuation of 250 people from the village.

Village Development and Security Committee chairman Zakaria Musa said the

floodwaters began to subside at 2am yesterday and the number of evacuees at the Kampung La mosque had dropped to 150.

The affected villagers were busy cleaning up their houses which were dirtied by the slime brought by the floodwaters.

A check on the Jerteh district revealed that floods had occurred at several villages in Kuala Besut, in the downstream area of the swollen Sungai Besut.

Besut District Education Officer Ab Halim Hassan said 15 schools, many of them in Hulu Besut and Jerteh, had to close early yesterday because of the floods.

Four of these were secondary schools which were cut off by the floods and were not accessible by road. **Bernama**