

Flood havoc in Johor, Pahang

ON ALERT: Police warn of more evacuations if wet spell continues

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THE first wave of flooding began in Pahang yesterday with more than 200 people evacuated here and in Rompin, Maran and Pekan.

As of 8pm yesterday, Maran was the worst hit with 90 people from Kampung Chendong, Kampung Bak Bak and Kampung Ulu Luit relocated to relief centres when their villages were flooded due to heavy rain since Sunday morning.

Another 77 people from seven villages in Rompin were evacuated.

Among the villages affected were Kampung Pertat, Kampung Kurina, Kampung Pianggu and Kampung Kerpah.

Rompin police chief Deputy Superintendent Ahmad Johari Jahaya said the villagers were evacuated from 10am when floodwaters rose to more than a metre.

He advised people in flood-prone areas and along the river banks to be on alert as heavy rains were expected to continue over the next few days.

A state police operations centre spokesman said another 51 flood evacuees were from Kampung Padang Rumbia, Pekan while a family of eight in Kampung Chendor, Cherating near here were evacuated when their home was partially submerged.

A family of nine sought shelter at the Sungai Lembing police station when their home was badly affected by the floods.

"More people are expected to be evacuated as flood water is rising in several areas including the town area and Sungai Lembing," he said.

Among the affected areas here are Taman Pelindung Perdana, Taman Bukit Sekilau and Beserah.

Traffic was reduced to a crawl in the town centre when water rose to



Kuantan is submerged in water yesterday after heavy rain since Sunday. Pic by Halim Mat

0.5m at several stretches.

The Sungai Charu bridge at Km28 of Kuantan-Sungai Lembing road was closed to all vehicles when the river overflowed and part of the road caved in early yesterday.

In **Johor**, a downpour for the past 48 hours caused flash floods in several districts, leading to more than 691 victims being evacuated.

The victims are from housing estates in low lying areas in Segamat, Kluang and Mersing.

A Malaysian Metrological Department spokesman said more shelters would be opened if it continued to rain and the situation worsened.

Mersing recorded the highest number of evacuees with 260 victims from 64 families, who are

seeking shelter at two centres at Sekolah Agama Air Papan and SK Tenglu.

Page 1 pic: Pos Malaysia employee Fadzil Saadon carrying a sack of letters to the Sungai Lembing Post Office, which was cut off due to floods at the Sungai Charu bridge yesterday. Pic by Zulkepli Osman