

Orange alert issued in some areas

Level 2 warning in parts of Pahang and Terengganu will be lifted if situation improves

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PETALING JAYA: An orange alert warning has been issued by the Meteorological Department to parts of Pahang and Terengganu.

Its National Weather Forecast Centre director Muhammad Helmi Abdullah said the Level 2 orange warning, issued for Kuantan, Pekan and Rompin (in Pahang) and for Dungun and Kemaman (Terengganu) on Monday, could be lifted if the situation improved.

The yellow warning status indicates weather alert and to make people aware of the situation to take preventive action.

The orange status implies that those in affected areas should prepare themselves to take action in the event of worsening condition.

The red status alert means severe weather warning and people need to take action to protect themselves – this could mean moving families out of the danger zone temporarily.

The department issued its heavy rain advisory orange warning on Monday, saying that intermittent

and moderate rain would persist until yesterday and this would cause floods in low-lying areas.

Helmi said floods were the result of heavy rains made worse by high tide.

He said the northeastern monsoon started in November and would end in the third week of March next year but the wettest season would be from November to February.

The monsoon started to hit Kelantan and Terengganu last month and would hit the western and middle parts of Sarawak, from Kuching to Bintulu, later this month, he said.

The monsoon would then hit the eastern parts of Sabah – Sandakan and Kudat – in January, he said.

He said the public could call the department's central number 03-7967 8116 or the numbers listed for each state on its website.



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