

2nd flood wave hits Kelantan

BADLY AFFECTED: 897 villagers evacuated from Jeli and Tanah Merah

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KELANTAN was hit by the second wave of floods yesterday with 897 villagers evacuated from the districts of Jeli and Tanah Merah.

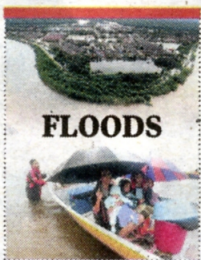
Jeli was the worst affected with 832 victims while Tanah Merah had 65 people.

State police chief Datuk Jalaluddin Abdul Rahman said the evacuees were put up at four relief centres in Jeli and three in Tanah Merah.

"The relief centres in Jeli are at SK Legeh, Kampung Gemang Mosque, SMK Air Lanas and the Sungai Satan Umno building, while



Police rescuing flood victims by boat in Tanah Merah yesterday. Pic courtesy of Royal Malaysian Police Force



in Tanah Merah, evacuees were moved to a hall and surau in Kampung Renab, Bukit Bunga and SK Lawang in Batu Gajah."

The water level of Sungai Golok in Jenob has risen above the danger level, recorded at 25.57m (the danger level is 23.50m), while five other measuring points are above

the alert level as of 5pm. The water level at Sungai Galas in Dabong was 33.49m (danger level 38m), Sungai Lebir in Tualang was 30.77m (danger level 35m), Sungai Kelantan in Kuala Krai was 22.15m (danger level 25m), Sungai Kelantan in Kusal was 13.57m (danger level 16m) and Sungai Golok in Rantau Panjang was 7.63m (danger level 9m).

In **Kuala Lipis**, continuous rain forced 107 people to be evacuated yesterday.

They were from Kampung Beralas, Kampung Seberang Jelai, Kampung Dusun, Kampung Aur Gading and Kampung Chegar Perah.

Parts of Jalan Jerantut-Kuala Lipis were closed to light vehicles

when water rose to almost 1m when Sungai Sepial overflowed its banks.

District police spokesman said motorists should avoid the flooded stretch and take alternative routes that pass through Benta, Kampung Jerangsang and Atong.

In **Kuala Terengganu**, floods that hit Kemaman since Friday have receded and the situation has returned to normal, as of noon yesterday.

According to the National Security Council's portal, 155 victims who were evacuated were allowed to return home at noon yesterday.

Three flood relief centres — Balai JKKK Padang Kubu, Berek Kilang Padang Kubu and the Sungai Mas Officers' House — have been closed.

Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) has prepared 40 sets of electric generators to ensure electricity supply in the affected areas.

Deputy Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said TNB had supplied the same number of generator sets to affected states during the first wave of floods last month. **Additional reporting by John Tiong**