

Hundreds forced to flee flood-hit homes

IPOH: Heavy rain lashed Perak and Kedah, leading to swollen rivers, choked canals and floods that caused hundreds of people to leave their homes and patches of vegetable plots destroyed.

In Kampar, about 42km from here, over 350 people from seven villages were evacuated to a secondary school after continuous downpour flooded their homes.

Police said the flooding came after non-stop rain from 2pm till late night on Wednesday.

The evacuees included 49 families from Kampung Baru Kuala Dipang.

The others were from Kampung Batu 20

(16), Kampung Nyior (14), Kampung Kuala Dipang (10), Kampung Chabang 2 (three), Kampung Pasir (two) and one family from Kampung Malaya.

Fourteen families, comprising 22 people, from several villages declined to move to the evacuation centre at SMK Kampar.

Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir said the Perak government had asked the authorities to determine whether the floods were caused by the shallow Kampar and Dipang rivers or the heavy showers.

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Fallen crossing: The Sungai Cincin bridge that linked Chenderiang town with Kem PLKN Sentosa was swept away by flood waters.