

Kelantan, Pahang hit by floods

ON ALERT: 20,000 living near Sg Golok ready to evacuate

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MORE than 10 villages located in low-lying areas here were hit by floods after Sungai Golok overflowed its banks on Saturday.

The situation also caused nearly 20,000 people living in the areas to be on stand-by for evacuation, said a district police spokesman.

The affected villages include Kampung Banggol Nyiur, Kampung Lanchang, Kampung Kelawai, Kampung Bongor and Kampung Jejawi.

"Rain fell in the district since last week but the situation was still nor-



A Kampung Tersang villager in Rantau Panjang saving her tapioca crop during a flood yesterday. Pic by Jauhariatul Akmal Johar

mal until yesterday (Saturday).

"The floodwaters at these places, however, are still above 0.5m and the villagers have been warned to be ready to move in case it worsens."

In **Bentong**, heavy rains on Saturday night caused flash floods at

four areas in Lurah Bilut near here early yesterday.

The two-hour flooding began at 2.30am, affecting 38 houses and damaging 18 vehicles, including three belonging to the Health Department.