

More Residents Evacuate Due To Floods In Kuantan

KUANTAN, Dec 22 (Bernama) -- In further development, the number of flood victims evacuated to relief centres in Kuantan has increased to 833 people from 224 families Monday night compared to 657 people earlier from only 182 families in the afternoon.

A spokesman from the Kuantan district police headquarters' flood operations room said two new relief centres were opened at 7 pm, namely in Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Gudang Rasau and Kampung Pahang community hall.

Eleven other relief centres in the district are Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Pandan, which has the most number of evacuees with 427 people from 116 families, Sungai Lembing police station (80 people from 24 families), Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Cherating (68 people from 17 families), Kampung Seri Damai community hall (59 people from 16 families).

Also at Panching low-cost public housing hall (54 people from 15 families), Wisma Belia Indera Mahkota (38 people from eight families), Kampung Chendor community hall (27 people from seven families), SK Sungai Ular (24 people from six families), Kampung Semangat community hall (18 people from six families), Kampung Sungai Soi community hall (14 people from three families) and SK Kempadang (seven people from two families).

The spokesman said two main roads at Km 16 of Jalan Kuantan-Sungai Lembing and Jalan Bandar Sungai Lembing were closed to all traffic.

Meanwhile, a Pahang police contingent headquarters flood operations room spokesman however confirmed that there were no flood victims in other districts.

The Meteorological Department had issued a red-level heavy rain warning, saying that the intermittent rain occasionally heavy occurring over Pahang (Kuantan, Jerantut, Maran, Pekan and Rompin) was expected to persist until Tuesday.

The Drainage and Irrigation Department in its Facebook page stated that the water level in Sungai Kuantan near Bukit Rangan was registered at 3.79m, exceeding the danger level of 3.5m, while the water level in three other rivers were at the warning level, namely in Sungai Kuantan at Pasir Kemudi (7.07m), Sungai Belat at Gambang Bridge (4.03m) and Sungai Belat at Seri Damai (4.79m).

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