

PM: Don't believe in rumours



Closer look: Najib wading through floodwater during his visit to Lembah Sayong, Kuala Kangsar. Also present was Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir (second from left). — Bernama

KUALA KANGSAR: Rumours on the flood situation in the country being spread on social media are unreliable and the people should not believe them.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said unverified information was being spread rapidly on social media.

“Spreading rumours through social media is an irresponsible act. This unconfirmed information will only cause nervousness and anxiety among the people,” he said after visiting flooded areas yesterday.

Najib said he hoped the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) would track down these rumour-mongers.

“Action should be taken against them for disrupting public safety,” he added.

He urged the people not to trust such information except that provided by the Government as well as verified information from news platforms.

Najib was in the state to visit areas affected by the floods.

Among Perak’s flood-hit areas were Kampung Gajah, Pasir Salak, Parit, Lambor Kiri, Lambor Kanan and here.

Najib said 7,953 people in the state had been relocated to temporary shelters.

“The flood victims are well taken care of and fed four times daily with access to good facilities too,” he said, adding that floodwaters were still rising in several areas.

Najib assured that the Government would look into assisting them in cleaning their homes later.

“We will also decide on the financial aid for the victims after the floods,” he said.

Najib, who visits Kuala Krai and Gua Musang in Kelantan today, said the flood victims would face a bleak future if the Government did not help them.