

Jerantut folk seek end to floods

JERANTUT: The people here are urging local researchers and agencies to investigate the main cause for the recent floods which has a tendency to reoccur.

Wan Nordin Wan Mustafa, 80, of Kampung Labu, said massive floods of this nature occurred once in 40 years, with the previous ones in 1971 and 1926.

He claimed that the rivers were also shallower nowadays as people could easily wade through it during the dry season.

"When I was young, the rivers

were very deep and we had to use a boat to cross," he said after joining a massive gotong-royong led by Tengku Puan of Pahang Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah at Kampung Labu here yesterday.

Tahan assemblyman Datuk Wan Amizan Wan Abdul Rahim said the researchers and agencies involved must study the hydrology cycles here, which had changed in the past few decades.

He said the massive floods occurred because of more rainfall and

shallow rivers as a result of heavy sedimentation.

He said Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah had also asked the agencies involved to take steps to reduce the possibility of floods in future.

Wan Amizan said that those who were affected by floods here would be relocated to a new area in Kampung Labu.

Tunku Azizah said that during the programme, the villagers were also taught various skills to supplement their household income.