

Be ready for floods, Johor folk told

JOHOR BARU: The public, especially in flood-prone areas, have been advised to be alert during the monsoon season.

Johor Health and Environment Committee chairman Datuk Ayob Rahmat said the monsoon would bring heavy rain and thunderstorms.

"I urge the people to be prepared and ready to be evacuated.

"I also urge them to follow the directions of the rescuers," he said.

He said the state has been through several major floods in the past and the people must be ready.

Flood contingency measures were already in place in all districts, he added.

Meanwhile in Ipoh, the Perak Fire and Rescue Department said it was prepared for any disaster.

Department director Yahaya Madis said its officers are well trained and sufficiently equipped.

"If a situation calls for more equipment, we have formed partnerships with neighbouring states like Penang, Kedah and Selangor," he said.

He said the department was keeping an eye on the Hulu Perak, Larut, Matang, Selama, Perak Tengah, Kinta and Hilir Perak districts now that the monsoon season is here.