

Floods force 118 villagers to evacuate

PANTAI REMIS: Flash floods and strong winds resulted in 118 people from 33 families having to evacuate from four villages in Perak on Wednesday.

As of 7pm yesterday, all the victims were sheltered at community halls in Kampung Sungai Batu and Kampung Tebuk Yan 2.

A victim, Sulaiman Mat Nor, 31, of Kampung Sungai Batu here, said his family had to leave their house after a tree fell on it.

Water from a nearby hill also flowed into the house, he said, when met at the village community hall here yesterday.

His neighbour, Zainal Mazri Sahar, 58, said he was on his way home when he saw electricity poles on the ground.

"Several houses were damaged by uprooted trees. There was a massive traffic jam on the main road," he said, adding that the floodwater was knee-deep in some areas.

Apart from Kampung Sungai Batu, other affected villages were Kampung Tebuk Yan, Kampung Parit Merican and Kampung Nelayan Pantai Tin.