



Civil Defence volunteers **evacuating** Esah Abdullah, 95, of Kampung Kedai, Mukim Titi, Pulai, to a flood-relief shelter in Baling, Kedah. Pic by Shahrizal Md Noor

# Flood advance warning

**RADIO, SOCIAL MEDIA:** Residents will be notified 3 days earlier so that they have time to evacuate

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**R**ESIDENTS in flood-prone areas in Pahang will be alerted to the likelihood of their area being inundated at least three days before it happens.

Pahang Natural Disaster Relief

Committee chairman Datuk Seri Muhammad Safian Ismail said the alert system, made possible with co-operation between the state Meteorological (MET) and the Drainage and Irrigation (DID) departments, would give those in the area ample time to be prepared, including relocating their families to safer ground and protecting their valu-

ables and documents.

Safian said MET would monitor the weather and alert DID of heavy rain, which could result in rivers bursting their banks.

"DID will monitor the water level of rivers like Sungai Lembing and Sungai Tembeling, and assess the possibility of flood occurring before informing the committee.

"Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob will then make an announcement through Pahang FM and social media to warn residents in flood-prone areas like Sungai Isap in Kuantan, Maran, Temerloh and Bera," he said after chairing the state

Disaster Relief Management Committee meeting here yesterday.

Safian said although the floods were not expected to be as bad as last year, the state government was not taking any chances and would make all preparations to tackle the threat.

He said the 105 forward bases had been stocking up on food in anticipation of the floods.

The state government has identified 657 evacuation centres, which can house 140,000 evacuees.

Some 2,100 government officers have been deployed in flood-rescue efforts and management.