

Heavy rain expected to lash Pahang from Nov 24 to 28

KUANTAN: Heavy bouts of rain are expected to lash Pahang from Nov 24 to 28 with high tide occurring between Nov 26 and 29.

This phenomenon will bring with it serious floodings and Kuantan, Pekan and Rompin are among to be the hardest hit.

Pahang Crisis Relief Squad of MCA chief Datuk Chang Hong Seong said all CRSM members in the state had been put on standby and given a briefing on the situation.

Chang said based on information from the authorities, heavy rainfall would also hit Pahang from Dec 11 to 18, and from Dec 24 to 30.

"We were also told that high tide will occur between Dec 11 to Dec 15, and from Dec 24 to 29.

"So we are not taking any chances. We have done the necessary preparations and will be on the ground to assist residents to evacuate if there is a need," he said in an interview.

Chang said their main focus would be in Kuantan, Kuala Krau, Bera and Temerloh which saw massive floodings last year and resulting in several areas totally cut off.

He said six food suppliers in Kuala Krau had been identified and a new fibre boat costing RM20,000, was ready to be used.

Chang said this year, the state CRSM would be divided into two zones and better co-ordinated with 165 teams in the state ready to be deployed.

He said they would also get in touch with other rescue agencies to provide assistance to the victims in terms of supply of necessities and giving moral support.

The Meteorological Department had forecast that Pahang would get the highest rainfall with possible floods, especially during high tide.

The situation is expected to last until January with continuous heavy and intermittent rainfall lashing out between three and five days.

Meanwhile, national chairman Datuk Lua Choon Hann said CRSM is ready to go to Johor, Terengganu, Kelantan and Cameron Highlands.