

Flood victims return home as water levels recede

KUALA SELANGOR: Most of the flood victims at temporary relief centres here have been allowed to return home as floodwaters subside.

However, residents have been advised to stay alert as flash floods may recur due to high tide predicted from tomorrow until Sunday in Port Klang by the Malaysian Meteorological Department.

Kuala Selangor district officer Shamsul Shahril Badliza Mohd Noor said according to the department, on Nov 26 to 27, a southwest wind will blow across Peninsular Malaysia, where the movement of air and wind towards the north-east is expected to bring heavy rainfall.

"Residents are advised to stay alert as the department predicted that flash floods may recur due to high tide, which may reach 5m from tomorrow until Sunday (Nov 29) in Port Klang," he said in a press conference at SK Parit Mahang, here,

yesterday.

So far, 530 people from six evacuation centres in Kuala Selangor have been allowed to return home.

As of 1pm yesterday, there were 581 victims from 125 families still housed at six relief centres in the district.

"The temporary relief centre at SK Parit Mahang still shelters the most number of flood victims at 393 people, followed by Kampung Bukit Kuching (61), Kampung Bukit Cerakah (35), Kampung Bukit Hijau (34), Simpang Tiga Mosque in Jeram (29) and the mosque at Tuan Mee estate (29)."

Shamsul said over the past week, staff from the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) have been clearing the drains and streams at flood affected areas.

"The DID workers are also pumping out floodwaters to a nearby river in the area. For now, there are eight pumps in operation."