

All geared up for floods

Pahang fire and rescue personnel ready for mobilisation

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KUANTAN: The Pahang Fire and Rescue Department is ready to mobilise at any moment, following a orange warning by the Malaysian Meteorological Department.

Its operations assistant director Wan Mohd Nazlis Wan Ismail said the department had moved more assets to flood-prone areas including the coastal towns of Kuantan, Pekan and Rompin.

"We've made preparations accordingly," he said.

He advised the public to keep their valuables and important documents with relatives who were in safer areas.

"Don't wait till it's flooding to try and save your valuables, as you want to be able to evacuate immediately if the area begins to flood," he said.

Wan Mohd Nazlis said the department had visited flood-prone areas to advise the public and put up markers along the roads to help people navigate should the roads become flooded.

He said the flooding had been quite bad the last few years, and believed the public would have come to expect a certain degree of flooding.

The Meteorological Department had issued an orange alert for Pahang, forecasting heavy monsoon rain expected to last until today.

Orange signifies continuous moderate rain that lasts for more than a day, with average rainfall of 0.5mm to 4mm per hour.

For updates on the rain condition, log on to www.met.gov.my.



Staying dry: A woman taking cover from the rain as she attempts to cross a busy street in Kuantan. — Bernama