

Flood destroys granny's rice field

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ALOR STAR: Farmer Che Amah Ismail is in despair after the recent flood destroyed her 1.3-hectare padi field in Kampung Alor Tebuan, Tualang.

The 82-year-old widow could only watch helplessly as the flood took away her livelihood and spoiled her Hari Raya celebrations.

She lost RM5,000 worth of padi seedlings which she had only planted a month ago.

"I was looking forward to a bountiful harvest after Hari Raya. But that will never happen."

Che Amah, who is a grandmother of 17, plans to re-plant her padi during the next few weeks.

"It's disheartening to know that all my hard work has been destroyed. But I must replant the field to put food on my table.

"I'd rather not burden my five children because they have their own families to



Che Amah showing padi seedlings that were destroyed by the floods in Kg Alor Tebuan, Tualang.

worry about," she said when met at her field.

"I'm thankful that the government will help padi farmers like me who were affected by the flood."

Farmers lost about RM7 million worth of padi seedlings during the recent flood in Kedah.

The co-ordinating committee for Muda Agricultural De-

velopment Authority (Mada) Farmers' Association reported that 7,700 hectares of padi fields in Pendang, Kota Star and Kubang Pasu districts were affected.