

Pumps to clear Batu Pahat floodwater

BATU PAHAT: Large pumps will be used to draw out the floodwater which has hit seven villages in Mukim Sri Gading near Ayer Hitam here since Saturday.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said this was the best way to divert the floodwater.

"Through air surveillance, I saw that the floods in this area have not subsided and the water has turned black.

"So I suggested that the water be immediately drawn out by using huge pumps," he said after visiting

the flood evacuation centre at SMK Suria Perdana here.

Shahidan said the floods could cause diseases and drawing out the water with the pumps was a common method used at padi fields during floods.

He said the department would also advise affected residents not to enter the floodwater.

As of 5pm on Tuesday, 365 people from 103 families from the seven villages had been moved to three evacuation centres at SMK Suria Perdana, SK Seri Paya and SK Parit Bingan. — Bernama



Water, water, everywhere: One of the houses that was affected by the floods around the Mukim Sri Gading area, near Ayer Hitam.