

Downpour causes floods in several areas in Selangor

PETALING JAYA: Several hours of torrential rain brought havoc, causing flash floods in at least 10 locations in the state.

Selangor Fire and Rescue Department assistant operations director Mohd Sani Harul said as of 6pm yesterday, three families had to be evacuated to a community hall after flash floods hit Kampung Chinchang, Labu, in Sepang.

"Flood waters rose between two and three feet high which saw 15 homes affected but the situation did not warrant an evacuation.

"In Kampung Kubu Gajah, Sungai Buloh, five people were brought to higher ground when water started to rise," he said.

Mohd Sani said flash floods also hit Kampung Bukit Cherakah, Shah Alam, where four people were temporarily evacuated while awaiting the water to recede.

Other areas affected were the Universiti Teknologi Mara campus in Puncak Alam, Batu 3, Jalan Kapar (Klang), Jalan Jati (Klang), Kampung Sri Aman (Puchong), Kampung Tengah (Puchong),

Taman Bukit Kemuning (Shah Alam) and Jalan Paip (Klang).

In Ipoh, the number of flood evacuees at the relief centre in Perak Tengah stood at 86 people from 19 families.

State Fire and Rescue Department director Datuk Yahya Madis said they were housed at Surau Nurul Jannah in Parit 6, Layang-Layang Kiri.

"The group comprises 27 men, 29 women, 16 boys and 14 girls," he said, adding that the water level remained at 0.75m.

In Johor Baru, the floods which hit several villages in Batu Pahat have receded completely and all evacuees had returned home.

Meanwhile, Terengganu was all set to face bouts of heavy rain expected to hit the state due to a cold surge this week.

The state Civil Defence Department director Lt-Kol Che Adam A. Rahman said their personnel had already been placed on standby for any eventualities.

"Village heads have also worked on updating the data of the people in their respective village to enable us to provide the required assistance," he said.