

'Worst flood in 40 years'

KUALA SELANGOR: An elderly couple from Kampung Seri Sentosa, Bestari Jaya, here have been moving from their home to a relocation centre four times in the past two months because of the floods.

Misnah Jani, 64, said in her 40 years of living in the area, this year's flood was the worst, as floodwaters had never before reached the upper floor of her wooden house, which is located by the riverside.

"The flood on Sunday was the worst. In two months, my husband and I had to move to a temporary relief centre at a surau in Ladang Tuan Mee four times.

"The last time we had to come here was two weeks ago," she said at the surau yesterday.

Misnah said she was worried thinking of the cleaning up she had to do, adding that she was uncomfortable at the relief centre because of her age-related health problems.

"Although we receive relief supplies, including food and drinks, we hope the water will subside soon," she said.

As at 5.30pm yesterday, 37 victims from 11 families

sought shelter at the Ladang Tuan Mee surau.

Misnah's neighbour, octogenarian Lipot Yunus, said her husband,

Although we receive relief supplies, we hope the water will subside soon so that we can return to our home.

Misnah Jani
Flood victim

Samira Riduan, 82, insisted on staying at their house as he was worried it would be washed away by the flood.

"My husband is staying at home, accompanied by one of our sons.

"Besides worrying about whether our house will be washed away, we are also worried that wild animals, such as snakes, will seek refuge at the house.

"To ensure that items at the house are not destroyed or washed away, my husband and I have tied and hung our chairs to the beams of the house before loading other items on the chairs to keep what little we have safe," she said.

Yesterday, residents in the area could only reach houses located some 100m from the main road as houses further in were on lower ground and were difficult to reach, even by boat.



Mazni Jumali cleaning her furniture after floodwaters subsided in Kampung Budiman, Shah Alam, yesterday. Pic by Nazran Jamel

Road damaged by landslide now open to traffic

SUNGAI SIPUT: A road damaged in a landslide here on Saturday has been repaired.

State Public Works Department deputy director Jamilul Nasir Saad said the main access to five villages had been reopened to traffic since midnight yesterday. "What is left to be done now is to resurface the stretch," he said yesterday.

Jamilul said the department had been working round the clock to fix

the problem since receiving the report on Saturday.

"We opened a temporary detour for villagers while we fixed the road," said Jamilul, who added that the detour was 7km from the landslide.

In the 9.30pm incident on Friday, Kampung Perik, Kampung Periang, Kampung Enggor, Karai and Pekan Karai were affected when a landslide destroyed the road. No casualties were reported in the incident.