



**The Pantai Teluk Lipat main road is closed to vehicles while roadworks to control erosion is ongoing. Pic by Rozainah Zakaria**

## Strong winds, waves make 70 homeless

**CHUKAI:** About 70 people from 13 families in Kemaman and Kuala Nerus were made homeless after strong winds and high waves lashed several coastal villages here.

A police spokesman said they were from Jalan Pantai Teluk Lipat in Dungun, Kampung Geliga Baru in Kemaman and Kampung Tengah Mengabang Telipot in Kuala Nerus.

He said the adverse weather began at 6.30pm and sea waters rose up to

one metre at the affected villages.

Mohd Naim Abdullah, 41, one of 38 victims from Kemaman, said he and fellow villagers panicked as the strong waves continued to lash their homes following strong winds from the South China Sea.

Naim said he took his wife, Noros Faizal Mohamad Gati, 30, and three children, aged between 3 and 11, to safety.

He also managed to cart away a

television set and a refrigerator to higher ground.

Police and other residents helped to shelter the affected people at community halls in Pekan Lama Kemasik, Dewan Geliga Baru and Surau Haji Ali.

At flood-hit Kuala Nerus, 29 people from four families sought shelter with relatives on higher ground.

A 200m section of Jalan Pantai Teluk Lipat was eroded by waves.