

Flood situation under control, says Sarawak CM

LONG WET SPELL: Adenan assures flood-hit residents of assistance

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CHIEF Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem has given his assurance that the flood situation in Sarawak is under control despite continuous rainfall over the past few days.

“Rain is expected next week, but the situation won’t be that bad,” Adenan said after attending a briefing on the flood situation by the Kuching District Flood Disaster Management Committee at Wisma Bapa Malaysia here.

“The situation is under control. We are expecting another wet spell next week. There will be high and low tides, but it will not be as bad as several days ago.”

Adenan said the situation had improved as of yesterday, and the Kuching barrage was controlling the water flow of Sungai Sarawak.

“We hope there will be less rainfall and the barrage can still hold and control water flow,” he said.

Adenan said the state government would assist the flood evacuees at the relief centres by providing food.

He commended the authorities for their hard work in managing the aid distribution to the flood victims.

Several places in Kuching, Bau and Serian districts were inundated by floods over the past few days due to continuous rainfall and high tide.



Flood victims seeking shelter at Sungai Maong Mosque in Kuching yesterday. Pic by Jeakqleyn Yacho

The number of flood victims in the three districts rose to 5,688 yesterday afternoon, from 5,578 in the morning.

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public relations officer Siti Huzaimah Ibrahim said the victims were placed in 29 relief centres.

She said Kuching had 22 centres, Bau (5) and Serian (2).

Sarawak Fire and Rescue Department director Nor Hisham Mohammad advised people living along the banks of Sungai Sarawak to be wary of possible high tide this evening.