



The damaged road in Kampung Raga, Yan, yesterday.



Gayah Salleh (right), 80, and Mahani Md Noor, 65, wading through knee-deep floodwaters in front of their homes in Kampung Teloi, Yan, yesterday. Pix by Amran Hamid

Kedah opens 9 flood relief centres

SEEKING REFUGE: 474 victims from three districts evacuated

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A TOTAL of 474 people from 125 families in three districts have been evacuated in Kedah due to floods after prolonged rain since Monday.

A village road in Kampung Raga in Yan was damaged, while several

trees were reported to have fallen, blocking several stretches of the road.

It is learnt that floodwaters entered several classes on the ground floor of SM Sungai Limau in Yan, here, forcing students to take off their shoes and attend classes in ankle-deep water.

Kedah Civil Defence Department Disaster Operation officer Major Im-

ran Azemi said nine relief centres had been opened — five in Yan, three in Kuala Muda and one in Baling.

In Yan, the relief centres are at Surau Teroi Bukit, Masjid Titi Teras, Surau Nurul Huda Batu 18½, Surau Kampung Batu 22 and Surau Kampung Setar.

“The relief centre at Surau Kampung Setar was opened at 12.45pm today (yesterday) with 10 victims from four families.

“In Yan alone, the number of evacuees are 236 people from 61 families,” he said.

Imran said the relief centre at Surau Batu 5 in Jalan Jeniang was closed at 12.11pm yesterday after 22 people from seven families were allowed to return home when the situation improved.

He said three relief centres were opened in Baling, but only one was in use as at 4.15pm yesterday.

He said 44 people from nine families in Kampung Machang Bubuk and Banggol Enggok were moved to the Kampung Machang Bubuk relief centre yesterday afternoon.

He added that no casualties had been reported.

“We are also monitoring the situation in Bukit Pinang in the Kota Setar district, after receiving a report that floodwaters at SK Bukit Pinang, the Bukit Pinang shooting range and Taman Sirih at Jalan Padang Tembak, were knee-deep,” he said.

However, Imran said no relief centres were opened in Bukit Pinang after floodwaters receded by 5pm yesterday.

Imran added that the department was closely monitoring the water level at rivers in flood-prone areas, including Padang Terap and Kubang Pasu.