



Houses affected by floods at Kampung Tebing Tinggi in Kangar yesterday. Pic by Effendey Harun

99 evacuated as flood hits Perlis

KANGAR: A continuous downpour since Wednesday has left 60 houses in the Tebing Tinggi and Wang Besar villages here in ankle- and knee-deep floodwaters.

Some 99 victims from 22 families sought refuge at SK Bintong here, which was opened on Wednesday night.

Perlis Civil Defence Force director Ishak Mohd Radzi said more evacuees were expected at the flood relief centre yesterday and the team was taking measures to ensure the evacuation process would not disturb the ongoing Ujian Pencapaian Sekolah Rendah examination at the school.

"Although the floodwaters are gradually receding in most affected areas, the flow of the water into Sungai Perlis is slow.

"We hope the situation can return to normal by today with help from the Irrigation and Drainage Department (IDD) and Muda Agriculture Development Authority (Mada).

"I advise flood victims to evacuate soon so that they can receive relief aid," Ishak said.

One of the victims, Minah Saad, 70, said her

house located in a low-lying area would be flooded every time there was heavy rain.

"I have been living here since I was young and floods are nothing new to me.

"It is a hassle, but my family is used to it. We always keep our documents in one place whenever it rains heavily.

"Our furniture and electrical appliances are placed in higher areas in the house to prevent them from being ruined.

"We hope the Timah Tasoh west flood diversion project can be completed soon so that people will no longer worry every time it rains heavily, and they no longer have to go through the evacuation and cleaning," she said at the relief centre yesterday.

Meanwhile, state DID director Abdul Najib Abdullah said the situation was expected to return to normal by today.

He said the department, together with Mada, had provided three water pumps to channel the floodwaters into Sungai Perlis, but the process took longer as the tunnel for the flood diversion project near the area had not been completed.