

Flash floods in three states

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> Residents in coastal areas urged to remain alert for high-tide phenomenon

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PETALING JAYA: Flash floods in Selangor, Perak and Kedah led to 432 people being evacuated from their homes yesterday

In Selangor, 224 people from 52 families were evacuated from Kampung Sungai Air Tawar, Sabak Bernam (57), Kampung Tok Muda, Kapar, Klang (152) and Kampung Tok Adam, Tanjong Karang (15) to relief centres.

Selangor Fire and Rescue Department assistant director of operations Mohd Sani Harul said those affected were evacuated since 8am yesterday.

In Klang, the areas hit were Kampung Tok Muda, Kampung Sungai Pinang, Pulau Indah, Jalan Klang-Banting, Pandamaran, Taman Selat Damai and Port Klang while in Kuala Selangor it was Kampung Tok Adam in Tanjung Karang and Pekan Bagan Pasir Penambang.

Mohd Sani advised those living near rivers and along

coastal areas to remain alert and take precautionary measures against the possibility of floods over the next few days.

"Be vigilant and pay attention to the weather conditions. Act fast if you fear something untoward is about to happen," he added.

Meanwhile, Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar hopes the Selangor government would resolve the problem of flooding in the state stemming from the high-tide phenomenon.

He said some embankments were damaged due to the high-tide overflow.

"We hope the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) would look into ways to improve the embankments along the coastal areas of the state.

"I will also bring this matter up to the Cabinet and I hope the Selangor government will cooperate as this is for the wellbeing of the people," he said.

Thirteen areas in five

districts in Selangor were flooded due to the high-tide phenomenon since early Sunday.

In IPOH, Bernama reported that 76 people from 15 families were evacuated from Kampung Bagan Panchor, Pantai Remis, 80km from the city.

Meanwhile, Bagan Datoh district disaster management secretary Mohd Zaidi Ahmad said four houses were hit by flood waters at Kampung Teluk Selendang, located near the Perak river.

In ALOR STAR, three flood evacuation centres were reopened in Kuala Muda district at 4am yesterday following a second high-tide phenomenon.

Kuala Muda disaster management committee secretariat officer Civil Defence Second Lieutenant Azahar Ahmad said as at 9am, 132 people from 30 families were moved to Dewan Kampung Paya, Surau Kampung Sungai Yu and Sekolah Kebangsaan Seri Kuala.



Some of the flood victims taking shelter at the Kampung Tok Muda hall in Kapar.