

# NUMBER OF EVACUEES DOWN IN KELANTAN

Situation in Terengganu, Perak, Sabah and Sarawak remains unchanged

## KUALA LUMPUR

**T**HE flood situation in Kelantan has improved as the number of evacuees went down, but the situation remains unchanged in Terengganu, Perak, Sabah and Sarawak.

In Kota Baru, Kelantan, the State Disaster Management Com-

mittee (JPBN) secretariat said the number of evacuees at flood relief centres had dropped to 718 people from 246 families on Monday compared with 1,235 people from 428 families the day before.

All evacuees were placed at temporary flood relief centres (PPS) in the districts of Pasir Mas and Tumpat.

In neighbouring Kuala Terengganu, the JPBN secretariat said in a statement that the number of evacuees remained at 138 people in Besut district.

Besut was the only district still affected by floods with two operating PPS, namely Masjid Kampung La (126 people) and Balairaya Kampung Pantai (12 people).



A villager in Kampung Gual To'Deh, near Rantau Panjang, Kelantan, throwing away household items that were damaged by floods after returning from a shelter yesterday. PIC BY NIK ABDULLAH NIK OMAR

In Perak, the JPBN secretariat said the number of evacuees in the Hilir Perak district remained at 62 people from 14 families. They were housed at the SMK Abd Rahman Talib (SMART) school hall.

In Sabah, the number of people evacuated in Kota Belud remained at 135 people from 56 families.

The SK Pekan school hall was currently used to shelter 62 people from 26 families, and 73 people from 30 families were still staying at the SJK(C) Chung Hwa hall.

There was also no change in the number of residents in the state's coastal areas who were evacuated due to the king tide phenomenon.

Before the king tide struck recently, 1,454 people from 299 families were moved to safety.

In Sarawak, 91 people were housed at Dewan Masyarakat Kampung Lutong PPS in Sebuyau and Dewan Serbaguna Kampung Rimba Padi in Serian, the same number recorded on Monday.

Floods also affected about 70 per cent of the construction work



A villager looking at his house yesterday, which was washed away by the king tide in Kampung Forest, Sandakan. BERNAMA PIC

in Sections 1 and 2 of the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL), covering 82km from Tunjong in Kelantan, to Setiu in Terengganu.

Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd construction manager (Sections 1 and 2) Mohd Azemi Abdullah said the flooded sections were in low-lying areas.

"The earthworks are affected by the floods, so we are not al-

lowed to work," he said after presenting donations to victims at the Bukit Abal Penggawa office.

Azemi added that the floods, however, did not cause a delay in the construction schedule, including for a bridge in the area.

"Only if it rains, we have to stop work, except for those that is at a height of more than 2m from ground level," he said. **Bernama**



Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd personnel presenting aid to flood victims at the Bukit Abal Penggawa office recently. BERNAMA PIC