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No water for some, too much for others

It's déjà vu for Klang Valley folk who are facing a water cut once again when a water treatment plant had to be shut down due to odour pollution in Sungai Semenyih. As for residents in flood-hit areas in Kelantan, Johor, Pahang and Sabah, many of them are still not able to go home yet. **> See reports on page 5**

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Over 3,000 still at flood relief centres

KUALA LUMPUR: More than 3,000 flood victims were still housed at temporary relief centres in four states yesterday.

While the flood situation in Johor and Pahang improved yesterday, there was little change in Kelantan and Sabah.

Kelantan recorded the highest number of evacuees at 2,029 from 715 families; Johor, 810 victims from 196 families; Pahang, 318 people from 89 families; and Sabah with 489 people from 168 families.

In Kelantan, the number of victims rose slightly compared to 1,941 people from 675 families the night before.

The Social Welfare Department's infoBencana application showed 1,847 victims from 665 families at 12 relief centres in Pasir Mas, while 182 people involving 50 families were at two evacuation centres in Jeli.

Meanwhile, five people have drowned in floods in Kelantan so far.

Kelantan police chief Deputy Comm Datuk Hasanuddin Hassan said three died during the first round of floods, while recent cases involved a 57-year-old man in Jeli and a 24-year-old man in Tumpat.

"To date, all the deaths were due to drowning and were classified as sudden death.

"Most of the cases occurred when the victims were wading through floodwaters," he told reporters at the close of a motivation camp for children of police personnel at the Kelantan police headquarters yesterday.

The *ebanjir.kelantan.gov.my* website showed that Sungai Golok in Rantau Panjang, Pasir Mas, was still above the danger level at 10.18m (danger level at 9m), while Sungai Golok in Kuala Jambu, Tumpat, exceeded the warning level at 2.48m (warning level at 2.15m).



Finding the fun in floods: A boy playing in the floodwaters with his father in Jalan Rantau Panjang Lama, Kampung Jeram Perdah in Pasir Mas. — Bernama

In Johor, state Local Government, Urban Wellbeing and Environment Committee chairman Tan Chen Choon in a statement said Segamat recorded 577 flood victims at 11 relief centres.

He said one evacuation centre was still open in Kluang with 180 people who comprised villagers from Kampung Sungai Linau near Simpang Renggam, while a relief centre in Batu Pahat housed 53 people from Parit Sulong and Kampung Peserai Lama, near Semerah.

Floods in Pahang had almost completely receded with only Temerloh having 318 people from 89 families at two relief centres.

The relief centres at SK Batu Kapor had 283 people from 79 families, while SK Bukit Cermin still housed 35 victims from 10 families.

In Sabah, the number of flood victims from several villages in Beaufort and Membakut evacuated to the temporary relief centre (PPS) at Dewan Selagon increased to 402 as at 8am yesterday.

Sabah Civil Defence Force in a statement said the victims were from 142 families compared to 377 from 136 families the previous day.

The PPS at Dewan Selagon was opened at 6.15pm on Thursday when more than 10 villages in Beaufort and 20 villages in Membakut were inundated following continuous rain.

Several roads linking the villages were also affected and were closed to all traffic.

In Tenom, three evacuation centres were still housing 87 victims from 26 families.

They are at Rumah Kebudayaan Mandalom Lama, Sri Antanom hall and Rumah Kebudayaan Batu-Batu. — Bernama