

81 FAMILIES

Perak flood evacuees increase to 278

IPOH: The number of flood victims in three districts in the state — Hilir Perak; Larut, Matang and Selama; and, Batang Padang — has increased to 278, involving 81 families up to noon yesterday.

A state Disaster Management Committee Secretariat spokesman said the increasing number of flood victims was a result of the continuous downpour since Thursday.

"The number of flood victims seeking shelter at temporary evacuation centres rose to 278 compared with 194 from 58 families this morning (yesterday).

"A new relief centre was opened at the Surau Kampung Jawa Trong Community Hall in the Larut, Matang and Selama district, accommodating 17 victims from six families."

The spokesman said the Hilir Perak district recorded the highest number of victims with 180 people from 48 families.

"The flood victims are mostly from Kampung Batu 9, Kampung Batu 7, Lorong Besar Batu Tujuh Setengah, Lorong Sidang Osman and Batu 8.

"These villagers are currently seeking temporary shelter at SK Changkat Jong, Teluk Intan."

He said the number of flood victims at the Kampung Sungai



A villager carrying away some belongings during a flood in Teluk Intan recently. PIC BY RAFALE SAVARINATHAN

Klah Baru Community Hall in the Batang Padang district remained with 81 people from 27 families from Kampung Sungai Klah, Sungkai here.

Meanwhile, 21 flood victims who were accommodated at Kampung Malau Community Hall in Lenggong were allowed to return home and the community hall was officially closed at 10.30am yesterday.

The downpour yesterday caused a 100m of the northbound stretch of Jalan Simpang Pulai-

Cameron Highlands to be closed to all vehicles due to a landslide which occurred at 12.30am.

Perak Public Utilities, Infrastructure, Agriculture and Plantation Committee chairman Abdul Yunus Jamhari said repair of the affected slopes along the road would begin this Monday.

"Work instructions have been issued to Pintas Utama Sdn Bhd for the repair work by adopting the 'terracesh wall and backfill' methods," he said yesterday.