

## EAST COAST FLOODS

## FOLKS GO HOME AS FLOODS RECEDE

Situation improves and many evacuees leave relief centres

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**T**HE flood situation in the east coast showed some improvement as at 4pm yesterday, as fine weather allowed victims in several districts to return home.

In **Kemaman**, two flood relief centres that housed 24 evacuees from six families were closed.

In **Besut**, half of the centres have been closed, leaving only 25 centres open and sheltering 1,094 evacuees from 325 families. Previously, there were 1,880 people from 506 families.

In **Setiu**, 20 centres were still open, sheltering 974 victims from 261 families, compared with 1,406 victims at 26 centres earlier in the day.

In **Hulu Terengganu**, the number of victims dropped to 532 from seven families at seven centres. Previously, there were 889 victims from 331 families at 16 centres.

In **Dungun**, 266 victims from 66 families were staying at nine centres, compared with 410 victims at 15 centres previously.

In **Marang**, 37 victims from seven families were taking shelter at one centre. This was a drop from 129 victims from 27 families in the morning.

However, **Kuala Nerus** saw an increase from 203 victims from 57 families to 319 victims from 96 families at four centres.

The number of evacuees in **Terengganu** stood at 3,219 from 969 families at 66 centres, compared with 4,941 evacuees from 1,431 families at 118 centres in the morning.

In **Kelantan**, the flood situation improved as for the first time in a few days, no rainfall was recorded since Monday night.

However, the number of evacuees increased to 13,121 people as at 4.45pm, compared with 12,400 people in the afternoon.

The victims, from 4,720 families, were housed at 63 flood relief centres in seven districts.

The Welfare Department's flood disaster portal said Pasir Mas recorded the highest number of evacuees at 8,910 people, followed by Tumpat (1,938) and Pasir Putih (826). Also affected were Kuala Krai, Machang, Tanah Merah and Kota Baru.

Only Sungai Golok in Rantau



Wan Amir Wan Aziz, 24, and his wife, Yusmanita Rahim, 25, cleaning the front porch of their home in Kampung Sungai Pinang, Besut, yesterday as floodwaters began to recede. PIC BY GHAZALI KORI

Panjang and Kuala Jambu remained above the danger level as at 4pm yesterday, measuring water levels of 10.49m and 3.30m, respectively.

Floods struck the state five days ago and had claimed two lives.

In **Pahang**, weather conditions also improved, with only four districts — Kuantan, Pekan, Maran and Rompin — experiencing rainfall. There were mild thunderstorms and showers in Temerloh, Jerantut, Lipis and Cameron Highlands.

Water levels of Sungai Pahang at Kampung Sungai Yap, Jerantut, and Sungai Ikan and Sungai Tiang-Sungai Bertam in Cameron Highlands breached the alert level yesterday morning.

Sungai Pahang was at 46.63m, just slightly below its 52m danger zone. The river had been in the alert zone for a few days.

Sungai Ikan's water level stood at 1,273.41m, very close to its danger level of 1,275.96m. Sungai Tiang-Sungai Bertam was at 928.25m. Its red zone starts at 943.66m.

Twenty-seven other rivers in the state remained in the normal green zone.



Dr Che Haniff Che Hassan from the Rantau Panjang Health Clinic performing a health check on Muhammad Izzudin Mohd Hafiz, 3, who has been experiencing diarrhoea, at the SK Gual Tinggi flood relief centre in Rantau Panjang yesterday. PIC BY FATHIL ASRI