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Mahathir-Storm

PM EXTENDS CONDOLENCE TO VICTIMS OF STORM IN SABAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali today extended their condolences to the families of the victims of Wednesday night's rainstorm that lashed the west coast of Sabah.

Dr Mahathir said he was shocked and sad over the loss of more than 100 lives and the injuries and damages caused by the tropical storm 'Greg'.

"My wife and I wish to extend our condolences to the families of the victims and hope they stay calm and brave in facing this tragedy," he said in a statement today.

Dr Mahathir said the government would help the victims and take all necessary actions.

"The Sabah government and relevant federal agencies have been directed to provide assistance to the victims of the disaster," he said.

At least 102 people have died and more than 100 others reported still missing following the rainstorm, the worst in the country.

The storm hit several areas of Sabah's west coast including Keningau, Kota Kinabalu and Papar yang mengakibatkan kerosakan harta benda yang banyak.

More than 500 houses in nine villages along the Pampang, Bayayo, Liawan and Sinagang rivers were washed away, leaving about 3,000 people homeless.

The search and rescue operation in Keningau, the worst hit area, resumed at 5am today after a four-hour break. -- BERNAMA

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