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LOOK INTO CAUSES OF FLOODS, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 28 (Bernama) -- The causes of floods should be looked into despite the fact that heavy downpours would result in low lying areas being inundated, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"Heavy rains can cause floods ... there is also the possibility that rivers have not been well taken care of resulting in riverbank overflows.

"We need to find out why the floods occur," he said in an interview with Radio and Television Malaysia recorded at his office in Putrajaya.

The interview was later aired over radio and television today.

Dr Mahathir also advised flood victims in Kedah, Perak and Pulau Pinang to be patient and to evacuate to safe areas if they were told to do so by the authorities.

As at 6pm today, a total of 3,817 people in Perak are still taking shelter in flood relief centres, 3,397 people in Pulau Pinang and 3,372 people in Kedah.

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