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Departments prepared for flash floods MASJID

TANAH, Sun. - All State Welfare Services Departments are prepared to handle flash floods.

National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Seri Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said all the departments had been briefed on what to expect.

"The ministry has given allocation to the various departments nationwide in view of the coming monsoon season. Additional allocation is available if the funds are exhausted".

She said this after giving away assistance to 65 elderly women and 30 orphans from the Alor Gajah parliamentary constituency today. The minister said it was the department's responsibility to assist victims at flood evacuation centres.

"Victims will be provided food, shelter, blankets and clothes".

Siti Zaharah said the amount of allocation given to the respective States depended on their needs.

She welcomed the assistance of non-governmental organisations and private companies.

On another matter, Siti Zaharah said it was vital for all Malaysians to fulfil Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's vision even after his retirement at the end of the month.

"Dr Mahathir is a visionary leader and has introduced a lot of changes and ideas, and it is important for all of us to complete what he had envisioned," she said.

Siti Zaharah said Dr Mahathir would hold a postmortem after a programme was carried out, and this trait should be emulated by all Malaysians.