

**Vote BN and we'll solve K'tan floods: Mustapa  
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The Kelantan state government has been criticised for failing to improve the drainage system to prevent flash floods.

International Trade and Industry Minister Mustapa Mohamed said it should act fast as residents had been facing the problem for a long time.

"This problem can be rectified if the people reject PAS at the next general election," he said after visiting victims in Thirteen Avenue Garden, Kubang Kerian today.

More than 70 families had to evacuate their homes following flooding four days ago.

The Kelantan Umno liaison chairman said BN had spent RM10 million improving the drainage system in Pengkalan Pasir after capturing the seat in 2005.

"The flood problem in Pasir Mas is not as bad as before. Kelantan people have to make a wise decision," said Mustapa.

Muhd Rusli Salleh, 42, said residents had been facing flooding for five years every monsoon season.

"Lack of drainage means that we have to face four floods in a year. Elected PAS and state representatives are nowhere to be seen," he added.

**K'tan gov't to give RM1,500 to affected family**

Meanwhile, the Kelantan government is to give RM1,500 to each flood-affected family in the state from its Serambi Mekah Fund.

Deputy Menteri Besar Ahmad Yaakub said today that the money will be given in two instalments of RM700 and RM800.

"People of Kelantan affected by a disaster, whether a flood or a fire, will receive aid from the fund," he said when presenting aid to families made homeless by an early morning fire in Jalan Sungai Chinda yesterday.

The 50 affected families are being put up at the Gua Musang Civic Centre hall.

Ahmad also reminded people living in low-lying areas not to look at the flood for fun.

He said that the flood waters spell danger especially to children.

**First flood fatality**

A 10-year-old girl has today become the first fatality in the floods.

At around 11am, Siti Aisyah Kamarulzaman was playing in floodwaters that had inundated

her village Kampung Belukar Limbat near Kota Bharu but got into difficulties and drowned.

Kota Bharu fire and rescue senior fire officer II Hasmadi Jusoh said a scuba team despatched to the scene recovered the girl's body at the bottom of an irrigation canal in the area at 1.30pm.

The border town of Rantau Panjang is also virtually paralysed after it became inundated a metre deep while the number of flood evacuees in the state has risen to 2,777 victims tonight compared to 2,084 people this afternoon.

So far 19 schools had to be closed which affected 9,782 students.

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