

Kelantan sets up 224 tents for flood victims

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The Kelantan government has set up tents in Gua Musang as interim accommodation for those affected by the floods.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Ahmad Yakob in a statement today said that 224 tents had been set up, prepared by both the state government and the district chief in Gua Musang.

Ahmad added that those who want to help the flood victims can cooperate with the state government to build interim accommodation, whether in the form of transit homes or supplying canvas and tents through district chiefs.

To speed up efforts in cleaning Kelantan, the state government had also approved RM50,000 for each local authority (PBT).

The National Security Council (MKN) had reported that at least 237,000 victims around the country were displaced due to the floods.

Kelantan was the worst hit with around 150,000 victims displaced and nine people found dead.

Meanwhile, Ahmad (right) said that the state government had estimated that RM52.5 million was needed to fulfill household needs of those affected by the floods.

"The government will try to get the estimated amount to help the victims identified," he said.

Under the Yayasan Kelantan Darulnaim (Yakin), the state government had also approved RM50,000 for each state assemblyperson to help children to go to school.

Nine water treatment plants not operational

The National Water Services Commission (Span), in a statement meanwhile, said that around 7.7 percent of total water account holders in Kelantan still do not have full water supply restored though the situation has been improving.

It said that nine water treatment plants in the state are still not operational due to the flood, but said that water operators from neighbouring states are now helping to deliver water to Kelantan.

This includes 22 water tankers to help deliver water to critical areas, especially hospitals lacking in water supply, and so on.

"Span would like to advise affected residents to give full cooperation to water operators

from other states so that water aid can be distributed to hospitals and relocation centres as soon as possible," it said.

The water supply in Pahang has almost recovered fully, it added.

Only 1.9 percent of water account holders have not received supplies yet, while now there are five water treatment plants in the state not operational, a massive reduction compared to 21 water treatment plants affected initially during the floods.

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