

Kelantan uncooperative on flood aid, says PAC

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The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today revealed that there was a communication breakdown between the National Security Council (NSC) and the PAS-led Kelantan government resulting in poor flood management last year.

He said the state government's refusal to attend meetings with NSC before the monsoon season resulted in poor preparation for the annual floods that hit the East Coast states.

"This is human factor. Maybe (it is) political, but for last year, when they (NSC) wanted to hold the joint meeting but there was no cooperation from the state government.

"When there is no coordination meeting, so when the floods happened, all are not prepared. If a meeting was carried out, planning was done earlier, maybe it won't happen like this.

"They did not cooperate with NSC last year. This was the first time this happened. Previously, they were more forthcoming," PAC chairperson Nur Jazlan Mohamed told reporters after chairing the PAC meeting today.

Handouts were scrutinised

The Pulai MP also said Putrajaya properly paid out almost RM400 millions to victims who were displaced by the floods which was watched over by the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC) and the Auditor-General's Department.

"Each distribution is monitored by MACC and also by the Auditor General's Department. The contacts related to the building of new houses and house repairs are also monitored by the by the respective committees to avoid any misappropriation from happening," Nur Jazlan added.

The floods that hit Kelantan and other east-coast states such as Terengganu and Johor has been described as one of the worst floods Malaysia has seen in years.

Over 200,000 people were displaced from their homes and even major highways were submerged in water for days.

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