

PM lauds resilience of flood victims, enthusiasm of relief workers

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Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim today expressed his admiration for the resilience of flood victims and the tireless dedication of relief workers.

He said he was deeply moved when visiting victims and observing the situation at temporary flood relief centres (PPS) in Terengganu.

“Yesterday, I was with Chief Secretary to the Government Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar and National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma) director-general Khairul Shahril Idrus, where we observed the preparations at the PPS.

“We enquired about the quality of food, and although the comfort of the facilities was limited, the treatment, medical care, and overall relief operations were running very smoothly.

“(It shows) how truly extraordinary our people are. The flood victims can calmly say the water is up to their waist and that they will go home once it recedes...

“The relief workers did not even complain about feeling exhausted or lacking sleep, they just remained excited to help,” he said.

Anwar was speaking at the monthly assembly of the Prime Minister’s Department in Putrajaya today.

Also present were Deputy Prime Ministers Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Fadillah Yusof, as well as Shamsul.

“All government machinery, including cabinet members, were actively involved. Every minister and civil servant was on the ground,” he said.

Anwar expressed his appreciation to all agencies involved and said months of preparations ensured the effectiveness of the relief mission, with most operations carried out by government machinery at the federal, state, municipal, district, and division levels, especially in Kelantan.

Floods began to hit the country last week, with Kelantan being the worst-hit state, recording 85,778 flood victims from 26,781 families placed in 251 PPS as of today.

Other states affected by the disaster include Terengganu, Perak, Johor, Kedah, Pahang, Negeri Sembilan, Perlis, and Malacca.

As of today, the total number of flood victims recorded across the nine affected states is 138,052.

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