

# DPM spends birthday visiting flood victims

Wan Azizah hands out food kits in Kelantan, T'ganu

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**PASIR MAS:** Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail spent a good part of her 67th birthday visiting flood evacuees in Kelantan and Terengganu.

When the Deputy Prime Minister called at two flood relief centres in Kelantan and one in Terengganu yesterday, she was surprised when several of the evacuees wished her well.

She responded with a smile and thanked them.

Dr Wan Azizah, who is also Women, Family and Community Development Minister, received a surprise at the relief centre at SK Kamil 1 in Pasir Puteh, Kelantan, where relief workers brought out a birthday cake and sang the birthday song followed by doa selamat (prayers for well-being).

She arrived at the centre at 11.55am and meet evacuees who had been there for the past few days.

The birthday cake was cut and distributed to the children at the relief centre.

Earlier, Dr Wan Azizah visited the relief centre at SK Gual Tinggi in Rantau Panjang at about 10am. She was welcomed by Kelantan Pakatan Harapan chairman Senator Datuk Husam Musa, who is also chairman of the Kemubu Agriculture Development Authority.

She was then given a briefing on the flood situation by Pasir Mas district officer Nik Mohamed Noor Nik Ishak.

Dr Wan Azizah distributed food kits to the evacuees, some of whom



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also wished her happy birthday.

She told reporters that there was a need to improve readiness as the monsoon season would last until February or March.

She said the government would also look into a more holistic solution to the annual floods in other areas besides Rantau Panjang, Pasir Mas and Tumpat.

Asked about the facilities at the relief centres, Dr Wan Azizah said

several matters could be improved by taking into account the sensitivities of the evacuees.

“The facilities for mothers with small children, especially mattresses for infants, can be better,” she added.

Dr Wan Azizah later visited the flood relief centre at SK Seri Payong in Jerteh, Terengganu, where 162 people from 36 families had been sheltering for the past five days. — Bernama