

# PM: Govt providing RM100 million to repair homes, infrastructure

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**KLANG:** The government has allocated RM100 million for the repair of homes and infrastructure damaged by the floods, which hit several states yesterday, including large parts of the Klang Valley.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob also announced RM1,000 in aid for each household affected by the floods.

Speaking at a press conference after visiting flood relief centres in Klang, which is one of the worst-hit districts in Selangor, the prime minister said the government understood the severity of the damage.

“In September this year, the government had increased the aid allocation rate to RM1,000 per household. We will expedite this payment to residents in flood-affected areas in Selangor and six other states.”

He said civil servants whose homes were damaged by floods were entitled to emergency leave to enable them to reorganise and return to their homes.

“We understand that it’s not easy to clean up and restart life after a flood. The government has decided to grant special emergency leave to civil servants who are flood victims.”

He urged the private sector to do the same for their employees who were affected by the floods.

“If they agree to this, we have set two conditions. One is that it cannot be deducted from annual leave and, two, there cannot be a

pay deduction. Meaning, if the leave is for five days, there cannot be a pay cut, it has to be paid leave.”

Ismail Sabri also announced that government-linked investment companies (GLICs) and government-linked companies (GLCs) had agreed to channel aid via matching grants with the government.

He said for starters, the GLCs and GLICs had agreed to an allocation of RM20 million.

“These are among the initiatives and assistance that we are providing to ease the burden of flood victims.”

He said data from the Meteorological Department showed that rainfall in Selangor in the last two days was twice as much as the highest amount recorded.

Selangor had 380mm of rainfall in the last two days, significantly above the average of 60mm normally recorded.

Ismail Sabri said the floods in Selangor were showing signs of improvement. The water level in Sungai Klang is receding, while it is at the average level in Sungai Langat. Meanwhile, the water level in Sungai Selangor is gradually increasing.

Ismail Sabri said 103 temporary evacuation centres (PPS) had been opened in eight districts in Selangor, an increase from 48 on Saturday.

He said evacuee issues of food and hygiene were being discussed and would be resolved.

One concern, he said, was the threat of Covid-19.

“We will carry out Covid-19 RTK antigen tests on flood victims to ensure that no one is infected.

“At the relief centres, each family will be given their own canopy for privacy. We have also agreed to install portable toilets at these centres.”

The Health Ministry, he said, would have nurses and doctors on standby, as well as provide medical equipment such as face masks, hand sanitisers and medicines at all PPS.

Ismail Sabri visited three relief centres at SK Johan Setia, SK Telok Gong and Masjid Al-Islah to check on the condition of flood victims.

He arrived at SK Johan Setia about 11am, accompanied by Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Zuki Ali.

He spent about an hour meeting residents at the shelters.

The floods have displaced more than 15,000 people, with thousands of houses and properties damaged.

About 793 flood victims have been taking shelter at the Johan Setia relief centre since the flooding started on Friday.

Ismail Sabri also visited 681 flood victims at SK Telok Gong and 256 victims at Masjid Al-Islah. He waded through floodwaters to visit other affected areas here.