

RM100mil for repair works

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PM: Govt will also give RM1,000 to all households affected by the floods

KUALA LUMPUR: The government will provide a post-flood allocation of RM100mil for the repair of homes and damaged infrastructure, the Prime Minister announced.

Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said due to the extent of damage caused by massive floods that hit several states, the government will also contribute RM1,000 to all affected households.

"In September this year, the government raised compassionate aid to RM1,000 per household. We will expedite payment to areas affected by the floods in Selangor and six other states," Bernama quoted him as saying after chairing a special meeting on plans and actions to be taken to manage the floods.

Ismail Sabri said at the same time, government-linked investment companies (GLICs) and government-linked companies (GLCs) have agreed to channel contributions in the form of matching grants.

They have agreed to allocate an initial amount of RM20mil, he said.

"Which means if it is RM20mil each from the government and GLICs/GLCs, RM40mil (in total), we have back-to-back matching grants from the government and GLCs. This will be among the types of



immediate aid to be channelled to alleviate the burden of the flood victims," he said.

Ismail Sabri said to date, 103 temporary evacuation centres have been opened in eight districts in Selangor, up from from 48 yesterday.

He said all issues arising at these centres such as lack of food would be resolved immediately, with dinner yesterday and today's breakfast to be provided by the Selangor gov-

ernment. Starting today, lunch will be provided by the Social Welfare Department, he said.

The Prime Minister said the Health Ministry would, in the meantime, provide doctors, nurses and necessities such as face masks, sanitisers and medicines at the evacuation centres.

"RTK Antigen screenings will be carried out at all centres to protect flood victims from Covid-19 infections," he said.

Words of

comfort: Ismail Sabri visiting flood victims at the temporary evacuation relief centre at SK Telok Gong in Port Klang where 1,293 people are gathered.
- Bernama

He also said the issue of inadequate food supply and stranded flood victims who could not be moved to relief centres in Selangor was considered resolved.

"As for those trapped in cars or other places apart from homes, action is being taken to evacuate them," he said.

As for sleeping places, he said the government had obtained the commitment of the Welfare Department to provide comfortable cubicles

equipped with blankets and mattresses for flood victims.

The Prime Minister also said that the government has agreed to give emergency leave to civil servants affected by the floods.

"We understand their plight, so the government agrees to give emergency leave because of this disaster. The affected civil servants, when they return to work, can discuss with their respective department heads about the leave."

He hoped that the private sector would do the same by providing emergency leave to their affected workers.

"If they (employers) agree to give (leave), there are two conditions, that it (leave) cannot be deducted from the annual leave and the salary of the employees cannot be deducted.

"If the leave is for five days, it cannot be deducted from their salary. It should be paid leave," he said, adding that he would discuss the matter with Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri M. Saravanan.

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