

# PM ORDERS REPAIR WORK IN FLOOD-HIT AREAS

Muhyiddin visits evacuees at relief centres in Temerloh, Maran to check on their needs

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**P**RIME Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has instructed Pahang and federal government authorities to immediately undertake all repair work in flood-hit areas.

Muhyiddin had yesterday visited the temporary evacuation centre (PPS) at SMK Seberang Temerloh and SMK Tengku Ampuan Afzan, Chenor, Maran, to check on the flood situation.

Temerloh and Maran, he said, were two of the seven districts in Pahang that were worst-hit by the floods.

"I checked on the needs of the flood victims and ensure that their welfare is taken care of.

"I have requested that the district office, local authorities as well as state and federal govern-

ment agencies to immediately focus on repairing infrastructure damaged by floods, such as roads, mosques and schools," he wrote on Facebook.

He said the federal and state governments needed to work together to care for the welfare of flood victims, which should not be limited to providing them with daily necessities and shelter at evacuation centres.

Flood victims, he said, should receive aid for a certain period until it was deemed safe for them to return home.

"The same goes for other aspects, such as repairing their damaged homes.

"This is to ensure that victims do not continue to be in a state of trauma as a result of this tragedy."

Present were Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail, National Disaster Agency (Nadma) director-general Datuk Dr Aminuddin Hassim and senior officials of agencies.

Muhyiddin met senior citizens at the evacuation centres to ask about their health.

"*Alhamdulillah*, they were fine. Some thanked the government for providing the evacuation centres with adequate facilities as well as staff who ensured the implementation of the standard op-

erating procedures to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

"I have instructed the evacuation centres' management and Nadma to provide two tents to families with more than six people.

"This is to ensure that they are comfortable during their stay at the centre.

"I understand that in Temerloh, there are 91 centres with 11,589 victims from 3,178 families. Of that number, 197 families involving 852 victims were from the SMK Seberang Temerloh centre.

"I pray for all of them, including 53 families housed at PPS SM Tengku Ampuan Afzan, as well as all flood victims to be spared from any illness and to be able to return to their homes in good health. God willing."

Meanwhile, the cleanup has begun in Mentakab as floodwaters in some areas receded yesterday.

The floods, which hit the town centre on Wednesday, left a trail of destruction as workers from businesses removed debris and cleaned their premises.

Mentakab assemblyman Woo Chee Wan said floods in some areas had receded, while the situation in low-lying areas needed a few more days, depending on the weather.