

# PM lifts spirits during flood relief centres visit

**KOTA TINGGI:** Flood victim Mohd Azizie Kassim was touched by the Prime Minister's concern and described his first encounter with Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin as unforgettable.

"I was so surprised to be greeted by 'Abah' (Muhyiddin) in person today.

"Normally, I just see him on TV," said the public health assistant from Taman Aman.

Mohd Azizie said he and his wife, Suhaila Abd Karim, 44, with two of their sons had been evacuated to the relief centre at SK Laksamana since last Saturday.

He said his other son who had with cerebral palsy, however, was taking shelter at a relative's house in Taman Kota Kechil here.

The Prime Minister brought smiles to Johor flood victims when he visited them at the Kota Tinggi Vocational College and Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Laksamana here.

He was welcomed by Menteri Besar Johor Datuk Hasni Mohammad. Also present were National Unity Minister Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique and state secretary Datuk Azmi Rohani.

He went on to check on the evacuees housed at the two relief centres after being briefed by the Kota Tinggi district officer Farizal Ismail.

Another evacuee, K. Madhavi, 73, said the Prime Minister's visit had comforted her.

"The PM came over and asked how I was doing, how many of my family members were affected and whether or not I had received the necessary aid from the authorities.



**We're in this together:** Muhyiddin checking on the flood victims at the temporary shelter in Kota Tinggi.

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"His concern made a little of the sadness go away. This is also the first time I've met him in person," said the senior citizen.

Madhavi, whose husband died in 2012, said the floods had been quite challenging for her as she was living alone in Taman Aman. Her four children are living separately in other districts.

Norazinal Mohd Nor, 39, said

while she was happy to see Muhyiddin in person, she was also disappointed as her nervousness and excitement was too overwhelming that she forgot to take her camera out and capture the moment.

"I was so nervous and excited waiting for his arrival. And then, there he was in person in front of me and I was starstruck. But I was

happy to meet him. Alhamdulillah," she said.

She said Muhyiddin also asked a few questions about her family, the food at the centre and school preparation for her six-year-old son, Iskandar.

As at noon yesterday, Kota Tinggi still has the highest number of flood evacuees in Johor at 2,707, bringing the total to 5,499. — Bernama