

EAST COAST FLOODS

PM: Ensure sufficient supply of food kits at evacuation centres

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob has instructed the National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma) to ensure sufficient supply of food kits at flood evacuation centres activated in Kelantan and Terengganu.

He has also directed the Health Ministry to assist with Covid-19 prevention measures to curb the spread of the virus at the relief centres.

“To all flood evacuees, please follow the safety measures and procedures and evacuate to the relief centres or higher ground,” said Ismail Sabri in a statement on his official Facebook account yesterday.

He added that since Saturday, Nadma had deployed rescuers from several departments and agencies for the evacuation operation of people affected by floods in the two states.

Among the departments and agencies involved in the operation include the Fire and Rescue Department, police, armed forces and Civil Defence Force.

“Rescuers from the Fire and Rescue Department are on the ground to ensure the evacuation process involving people affected by the floods proceeds smoothly.

“The armed forces through the Eighth Infantry Brigade have also been deployed to help victims in both states.

“Many people affected by the floods have been rescued and re-located to safer locations,” he said.

Meanwhile, the Education Ministry has activated its operation centre to ensure the floods which has struck Terengganu and Kelantan will not affect the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination.

Education Minister Datuk Dr Mohd Radzi Jidin said the Examination Board would also take the necessary steps to manage examination centres affected by the flooding in both east coast states.

“I have taken note of the flooding in Terengganu and Kelantan which has also affected a number of examination centres for the SPM exams in the two states.

“The ministry has activated our flood operation room and the Examination Board is also taking the necessary actions to manage the affected examination centres.



Mad Sarip Jusof rowing his sampan in floodwaters in Kampung Paloh Nyoir, Hulu Terengganu, yesterday. PIC BY GHAZALI KORI

“Let us pray that the floods will not prolong and students of the 2021 cohort who will be sitting the examination can prepare and safely take it,” said Radzi in a posting on his official Facebook account yesterday.

Bernamea yesterday had reported on students expressing their concerns over the impending flood disaster in the state with only days left before the SPM examination.

Some students said they were unable to concentrate on their studies, as they were worried that their homes would be flooded.

Others had asked teachers for help to allow them to stay at their school dormitories if their houses were flooded.

The 2021 SPM examination is scheduled to take place from March 2 to March 29 involving more than 400,000 candidates nationwide.