

PM censures Selangor's flood management

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PRIME Minister (PM) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob has put the blame on Selangor's weak flood management at its state and district levels for the flood that badly hit the state last month.

He said other states such as Pahang were faced with floods at worse scales, but were able to manage the disaster well.

"I have to emphasise that the flood in Selangor was an unexpected incident that

happened due to the weakness identified at the state and district levels, which caused me to intervene.

"Many are aware that at the same period, there were several other states that were hit by floods and some at worse scales (than Selangor) such as Pahang.

"However, the disaster was handled well despite the challenges because their disaster management machineries at the state and district levels were organised and well prepared," he said in the special Parliament sitting yesterday.

Ismail Sabri highlighted that the Malaysian Meteorological Department had released six warnings of heavy rain, however, they were ignored by several quarters

who are directly involved in the disaster management.

This is because some of them assumed that only states in the East Coast would be affected by the floods caused by the north-east monsoon, the PM said.

"Preparation for the monsoon season was mainly focused on the states in the East Coast and the unusual flood that took place in Selangor was beyond the expectations of many parties.

"The flood in Selangor which began on Dec 18, 2021, occurred as a result of an unusual average amount of rainfall at 380mm on the day, which is similar to the average amount of rainfall in a month," he said.