



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob greeting a boy after performing Aidiladha prayers at Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

## Govt will ensure no delay in aid for flood victims, says PM

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The government is monitoring the provision of aid to flood victims in Baling, Kedah, to ensure there is no delay, especially in efforts to restore affected houses.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said priority would be given to repairing houses or building new ones.

"After the floods happened that afternoon (on July 4), the next day we announced the giving of cash aid to them (victims) but houses are very important; (there is a) need to speed up work to repair or rebuild affected houses.

"Places of accommodation are the most important, apart from cash aid," he said after performing Aidiladha prayers at Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan here yesterday.

On July 5, Ismail Sabri announced immediate aid for some 1,490 flood victims to be given through 112 heads of household

(KIR), comprising RM1,000 in compassionate payment, RM2,500 for basic necessities, RM500 for electrical appliances and assistance for house repairs.

On July 4, several areas in Baling were inundated after a three-hour downpour. The floods damaged dozens of houses, displaced more than 1,000 people and claimed three lives.

Ismail Sabri, dressed in blue *baju Melayu*, arrived at the mosque about 8.05am to join some 1,000 congregants to perform the Aidiladha prayers.

Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan senior assistant director Dr Khalid Isa led the prayers and its Grand Imam, Rozimi Zamri, delivered a sermon titled "*Berkorban Untuk Kejayaan*" (Sacrificing for Success).

After the sermon, the prime minister mingled and took photos with worshippers before leaving about 9.15am. **Bernama**