



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim being briefed on conditions at the SK Telaga Papan flood relief centre in Setiu, Terengganu, yesterday. With him are Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar (second from right) and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain (third from right), NSTP PIC BY GHAZALI KORI

## FLOOD RECOVERY

# EXTRA RM50M FOR KELANTAN, TERENGGANU

Money to be used for infrastructure repairs, raising road levels, says Anwar

### SETIU

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday announced an additional immediate allocation of RM25 million each for Kelantan and Terengganu following severe floods affecting the states.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the funds, channelled through the Implementation Co-ordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department, will be used to repair essential infrastructure, such as roads and drainage systems, and raise road

levels in Hulu Besut.

He said the federal government had agreed to provide special financial assistance of RM500 to more than 14,000 civil servants in Terengganu, involving an allocation of RM7.4 million.

He made the announcements after visiting flood victims at the SK Telaga Papan temporary relief centre here, which currently shelters 269 evacuees.

Earlier, the federal government had allocated about RM50 million to assist flood victims in Kelantan and Terengganu through the National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma).

Yesterday's additional allocation is aimed at repairing infrastructure and covering post-flood costs, which are expected to be substantial.

"For other states, we are monitoring the situation.

"We don't want any misunder-



Anwar and Samsuri surveying the flooded area near the SK Mangkok temporary relief centre in Setiu yesterday. (Inset) The prime minister talking to evacuees at SK Telaga Papan. NSTP PIX BY GHAZALI KORI

standing. Allocations will be based on needs, and I expect the total losses (from floods in affected states) this time could approach RM1 billion," he said.

Anwar added that there was no need to declare a state of emergency despite the worsening flood situation, especially in Kelantan and Terengganu.

He said this was because all relief agencies, including the armed forces, police, Civil Defence Force, Fire and Rescue De-



partment and all federal, state, and district machineries were capable of managing the disaster effectively.

"Therefore, there is no need to declare a state of emergency."

Following his visit to SK Telaga Papan, Anwar spent about 20 minutes meeting victims at the SK Mangkok temporary relief centre, which is sheltering 372 evacuees. **Bernama**