



Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor visiting flood evacuees at the Kompleks Rakan Sukan temporary relief centre, yesterday. PIX BY WAN NABIL NASIR

Sanusi thanks PM for RM13m flood aid

PENDANG: Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor has expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for the RM13 million allocated for flood repairs and compensation in the state.

He welcomed the allocation, but said the funds would not fully cover the extensive damage caused by the floods since Monday.

"Alhamdulillah, I thank the prime minister for visiting flood victims in the state, and I extend my appreciation to all government agencies involved in helping affected communities.

"This initial allocation of RM13 million is greatly appreciated, but we hope for additional funds as it won't be enough," he said after visiting flood evacuees at the SMK Tanah Merah temporary

relief centre (PPS).

He expressed hope that the federal government would consider additional funds for further recovery efforts.

"The RM13 million is not enough to cover the damage to padi fields and infrastructure and house repairs. I hope the federal government will consider increasing the allocation."

On Saturday, Anwar announced that the RM13 million would be managed by the National Disaster Management Agency, the Implementation Co-ordination Unit, and the State Secretary's Office.

He said the aid was in addition to the RM1,000 assistance provided to each evacuated family.

Sanusi said the state remained on high alert as the monsoon transition period was expected to

begin on Tuesday.

He added that the PPS in the state would remain operational for as long as needed.

"Although this isn't as severe as the major floods in 2010, the rainfall has been more widespread.

"We hope the upcoming monsoon transition period doesn't bring a second wave of floods."

Meanwhile, Sanusi defended his recent working trip to Japan while Kedah was hit by floods.

He also denied allegations that he was on a honeymoon with his new wife.

"That is not true. I am accused of bringing my new wife (to Japan), which is also false," he said, adding that the trip had been planned since April.

He added that the trip was to study the implementation of underwater dams in Japan.