

Najib Sends Condolences To Thai PM Over Flood Deaths

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BANGKOK, Oct 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has extended Malaysia's condolences to the families of the people killed in the current critical floods in Thailand.

"On behalf of the Malaysian government, I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to the families of those who have been killed.

"Our sympathy also goes to the government and people of the Kingdom of Thailand, especially to the families affected by the flooding," he said in a letter sent to his Thai counterpart Yingluck Shinawatra.

The letter, dated Oct 11, was conveyed to the Thai Foreign Ministry yesterday and made available to Bernama here today.

Najib also said that he was saddened to learn about the continuous torrential rain in the central and northern regions of Thailand, which has triggered widespread flooding in many provinces and resulted in the loss of lives and damage to property.

The Malaysian premier said he was confident that under Yingluck's leadership and the government's close attention, Thailand would be able to overcome these difficulties with steadfastness.

About 40 per cent of Thailand remains flooded, with 2.2 million people from more than 10,000 villages in 28 provinces in the north and central regions affected by the floods.

The death toll rose to 281 as of yesterday.

More than 900 factories, 1.5 million hectares of agricultural land and 9.9 million livestock were affected by the floods.

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