

Kedah Umno all set for relief work
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JITRA: Kedah Umno will set up flood operation centres to carry out relief efforts in the state.

State Umno liaison committee deputy chairman Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said the centres would be located at the party's division service centres throughout the state.

The party has made ready logistics, relief centres, food supply, blankets as well as two boats to assist the victims, he said.

"There are reports pointing to the possibility of more rainfall this year, which may cause unusually severe flooding," said Mukhriz.

"We are currently stocking up on dry food like canned food and rice at the centres.

"We have prepared early to face this."

"If the floods happen, we are prepared to deal with it and carry out relief efforts in a systematic manner," said Mukhriz after the Jerlun Parliamentary "Korban Perdana" programme at Kampung Pering, Kodiang, near here, yesterday.

He was asked to comment on Kedah Umno's preparation to face floods, which are expected to hit the state this month following a predicted higher monsoon rainfall.

"Last year, Umno's disaster aid squad managed to move in quickly to provide assistance to the victims," he said.

During the function, 175 head of cattle were slaughtered and distributed to villagers, particularly the needy, in 163 villages as well as students at several sekolah pondok or Islamic religious schools in the constituency.

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