

**Government Better Prepared To Face Major Flooding - Muhyiddin
Bernama
October 31, 2011**

SEPANG, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- The government is now better prepared to face major flooding, which is expected to occur next month due to the inter-monsoon period, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

Muhyiddin, who is the National Disaster Management Committee chairman, said he would obtain feedback from government agencies to draw up preparations to face the disaster.

"We are ready though we cannot predict how the situation is going to be; so we should be prepared more than usual," he told reporters at the Bunga Raya Complex of KL International Airport after seeing off Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, who left for Medina en route to Mecca to perform the haj.

The media reported Monday that people in Kelantan, Terengganu, Perlis, Kedah, Sarawak and Sabah have been advised to prepare for any eventuality of flood.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's (UKM) Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Institute director Prof Datuk Dr Ibrahim Komoo predicts that the monsoon season this time around would bring 40 per cent or 880mm more of rainfall from last year.

Muhyiddin said he would meet the National Security Council soon to get an overview of the preparations for the disaster.

He said early preparations had been put in place taking into account the previous experiences.

To a question on assistance to neighbouring countries currently experiencing floods such as Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia, Muhyiddin said assistance would be channelled to these countries due to the severity of the disaster.

---BERNAMA

Copyright © 2011 BERNAMA

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v5/newsindex.php?id=623673>