

Prime Minister Approves RM7.5 Million For Hulu Langat Flood Mitigation
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HULU LANGAT (Selangor), March 25 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has approved a RM7.5-million allocation for short-term flood mitigation measures in Hulu Langat where more than 3,000 families were badly affected by floods early this month.

The prime minister said a bridge on a major route that would cost RM3.5 million, two culverts costing RM1 million and RM3 million for relocation of utilities were covered under the allocation.

"I was briefed by the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) and the Public Works Department (JKR) and requested for short-term flood mitigation measures.

"We will implement these short-term measures this year. If possible, work on the projects will begin before the general election," he said at an event to hand over aid to the flood victims, here. The Hulu Langat floods forced the 3,000 families out of their homes and caused damage to property that ran into millions of ringgit.

Najib was briefed by Selangor DID director Ab Qahar Osman on the proposed RM15-million six-hectare Sungai Serai retention pond in Hulu Langat which is expected to be built in two years.

Najib said the retention pond would be built as one of the long-term measures, and added that it would involve the acquisition of land.

"This will have to wait. We have to take over the state government first," he said in reference to the PRK-led state government in Selangor.

The prime minister said the implementation of the short-term and long-term measures would prevent floods in the area.

After attending the briefing, Najib visited the houses of several of the flood victims.

The floods early this month affected the residents of Dusun Tua, Taman Sri Nanding, Kg Sg Serai and Lembah Jaya Utara, among others.

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