

**52 Houses Damaged By Floods In Pahang Repaired Within 17 Days - Shafie Apdal
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KUALA LIPIS, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- The Rural and Regional Development Ministry has swiftly repaired 52 houses damaged by floods in Pahang within 17 days after being appointed to do so.

Its minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal said the appointment was made on Jan 20, and 20 of the houses repaired were in Maran while the rest were located in Kampung Aur Gading, here.

"The time given to restore the houses was seven to 30 days, depending on the extent of damage. If the job involved changing of the walls and sewerage system, it would take a month to be completed.

"The cost of repair is between RM5,000 and RM10,000, depending on the damage," he told reporters after accompanying Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on a visit to the Permanent House Construction Project for flood victims in Kampung Aur Gading, Thursday.

Also present were Works Minister Datuk Fadillah Yusof and Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

Mohd Shafie said to date, 6,920 houses had been identified to undergo repair, comprising 1,664 houses in Kelantan, 166 in Terengganu, 2,632 in Pahang and 2,458 in Perak.

However, the total number was expected to increase by taking into account the floods hitting Sabah and Sarawak now, he said.

Mohd Shafie said the ministry had received an allocation of RM69.2 million from the National Security Council (MKN) for repair works undertaken with the cooperation of the Construction Industry Development Board of Malaysia (CIDB)

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