

Government Urged To Review The Flood Management SOPs

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 10 (Bernama) -- The government has been urged to review and improve the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for flood management based on the changing climate conditions in the country.

Datuk Raime Unggi (BN-Tenom) said the SOPs on flood management should give more attention to aspects such as medical assistance, food, drinks and basic equipment, and that preparation of these should be doubled during the monsoon season.

"The reviewed SOPs should involve training in every district and state that is regularly hit by floods, so that when a flood occurs, local leaders will know about rescue plans," he said when debating the motion of thanks on the Royal Address in the Dewan Rakyat today.

In the meantime, he urged the government to look into the successful models in this in countries often hit by similar disasters such as Holland and the Philippines.

He also recommended that an audit be conducted on a regular basis to prevent abuse of power, corruption and injustice in the distribution of aid to flood victims.

Meanwhile, commenting on Bernama TV, Raime said the issue of delayed payment of salaries to employees of the company could damage the reputation of Bernama TV as a channel of the government voice.

"Although Bernama TV does not belong to the government but because Bernama TV brings the name of the Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama), it is still seen as an official media in reporting the government's agenda and activities," he said.

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