

**Federal Govt To Assist Flood Victims In Penang – Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today said the Federal Government would assist those affected by the floods in Penang yesterday.

Najib in his Twitter account said he wants the authorities to ensure the drainage system in the state was smooth to prevent such incidents from recurring.

Yesterday, several areas around Penang experienced flash floods and mudslide after more than five hours of rain.

Among the areas affected were Jalan Bayan Lepas to Teluk Kumbar, Batu Maung, Bukit Gambir, Bayan Lepas, Paya Terubong, Air Itam and several roads in George Town.

The latest death toll in the stampede which occurred at 11am local time has risen to 717, while 863 were injured, according to the General Directorate of Civil Defence of Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, Anifah also expressed condolences to the families of those killed in the stampede.

"As of now, no Malaysian was involved," he said during a media briefing here.

During the visit, Najib also handed over contributions to Abdul Razzaq E. Al Amiri to be given to the Islamic centre.

The prime minister arrived in New York with wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor on Wednesday (Thursday in Malaysia) for a working visit to attend the 70th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly.

He is scheduled to attend several high-level UN meetings prior to his speech during the General Assembly at the UN headquarters here on Oct 1.

Malaysia is currently playing an important role in the world body as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

Najib will also join other world leaders in the UN Peacekeeping Summit chaired by US President Barack Obama on Sept 28.

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