

**Start Of 2015 School Session To Be Postponed In Flood-Hit States - Muhyiddin
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KUANTAN, Dec 26 (Bernama) -- The start of the 2015 school session for schools affected by floods or used as relief centres will be postponed until after the situation in the flood-hit states returns to normalcy, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

He said the respective state directors of education would make an announcement on the start of the new school year depending on the situation in the flood-hit areas.

"The standard operating procedure is in place. We will postpone the school session should the need arise. The state and district education officers as well as principals and headmasters are aware of this. There is no issue," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is the education minister, spoke to reporters after a visit to the flood relief centre at the Pahang Sports Complex here. He was accompanied by Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

Schools in Kedah, Johor, Kelantan and Terengganu are scheduled to reopen on Jan 4 for the new school session. The other states are scheduled to reopen the following day.

Asked whether the government had any plan to provide special schooling aid to parents of schoolchildren in the flood-hit states, he said no decision had been taken on the matter.

"There is the schooling aid that the prime minister has already announced, which we have been implementing. That will be given out after school reopens. Each student will be given RM100, handed over to the family.

"However, I do not wish to say anything yet about aid due to the floods. We will announce that at the appropriate time," he said.

Muhyiddin said the priority now was to ensure that the people were safe and that their welfare was taken care of.

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