

**Power Supply Will Be Restored Quickly - DPM
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- Power supply will be restored to places affected by the floods as soon as the condition returns to normal said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Muhyiddin who held a discussion with Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) today said TNB had agreed to find the best solution to restore power in states affected by floods, quickly.

He said since flood victims had returned to their respective homes in several areas, the main requirement for them would be clean water and electricity.

"What is important is that flood victims have power supply and clean water when they return home. Therefore, we hope power can be restored quickly," he told reporters after briefing with TNB, here Wednesday.

Muhyiddin said the government had not expected the floods this time to hit on such a massive scale until TNB sub-stations had to be switched off or damaged.

"Therefore, areas that were flooded and even flood relief centres had no electricity supply. We will learn from this episode to be better prepared in the future," he said.

Muhyiddin said he was informed that by tomorrow, power would be restored to 60 percent of the affected areas in Kelantan and 90 percent of the affected areas in Terengganu.

However, it may take a longer period in Pahang since the flood situation has yet to improve.

He said the TNB would also use this year's predicament as a lesson to start preparations early by supplying generators to flood relief centres to avoid logistic problems in the future when faced with flood situations.

"Food supply must also be arranged early. These massive floods must serve as a lesson to us and I hope through a 'post-mortem' much more can be done to save properties and casualties.

Muhyiddin also assured that the Federal government was prepared to work closely with the Kelantan state government to restore damages to public properties in the state despite different political ideology.

"We know Kelantan does not have the financial capacity, not because of political reasons, but the most important issue here is the wellbeing of the people.

"The Federal government will take the initiative to assist the people in building transit homes, building new houses, upgrading and repairing others plus ensure the welfare of the

people," he said.

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