

More evacuees return home

Fewer than 5,000 remain at Pahang flood relief centres

KUANTAN: The number of evacuees at flood relief centres in Pahang has dropped from 5,225 people on Saturday night to 4,751 people yesterday morning.

A Pahang police flood operations room spokesman said the victims, from 1,197 families, remained at 45 flood relief centres in the Pekan, Kuantan and Maran districts.

In Bera, 50 staff members from the Prime Minister's Office, led by private secretary Datuk Poad Jelani, joined Universiti Putra Malaysia students in helping to clean the flood victims' homes on Saturday.

Apart from clean-up activities in Kampung Mengkarak, the volunteers also presented rice, sugar, milk and sardines worth RM10,000 to Guai assemblyman Datuk Norol Azali Sulaiman to be distributed to flood victims in the constituency.

The Prime Minister's press secretary, Rozilan Salleh, said they would proceed to other flood-hit districts later.

In Kuantan, more than 500 volunteers from the Malaysian Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC) from six states were helping flood victims through its own *Ops Banjir*.

Its president, Mohd Hasri Mohd Hadzir, said the programme had received overwhelming response from MAYC volunteers in Perlis, Kedah, Perak, Penang, Selangor and the Federal Territories.



Basic necessity: Flood victims choosing donated clothes at a relief centre in Kuantan. — Bernama

Also on Saturday, Kedah Puteri Umno sent two lorries full of clothing for flood victims in Kemaman and Dungun, Terengganu.

In Kemaman, 260 families affected by the floods in Kampung Mak Lagam received personal hygiene packs from members of Overseas Umno Clubs.

In Hulu Dungun, 500 students from the Bukit Besi campus of Universiti Teknologi Mara, Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin Polytechnic, and the Gong Badak campus of Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin participated in an aid mission organised by the Bukit Besi constituency office.

In Kuala Lumpur, the Sime Darby

Group contributed RM500,000 to purchase emergency supplies for the flood victims in Kemaman and Kuantan.

Sime Darby president and group chief executive Tan Sri Mohd Bakke Salleh hoped that the assistance would help the victims cope with the situation. — Bernama