KEMENTERIAN TENAGA DAN SUMBER ASLI

KERATAN SURAT KHABAR

SURAT KHABAR	:	NST			
TARIKH	:	22/10/2021 (JUMAAT)	MUKA SURAT	:	7
JABATAN	:	JMG			

TREES UPROOTED, ROAD BLOCKED

Downpour causes landslide at Gunung Jerai

YAN: Several hours of heavy rainfall on Wednesday had led to a landslide at Gunung Jerai's foothill, forcing the Tanjung Jaga-Tanjung Dawai trunk road here to be temporarily closed.

Yan police chief Deputy Superintendent Shahnaz Akhtar Haji said the incident had uprooted trees and brought about mud at the hillslope, blocking some 30m of the stretch linking Tanjung Dawai and Yan.

He said no road users were in the area during the incident.

"The stretch has been closed to allow clearing works by the Public Works Department and will reopen upon its completion," he said yesterday.

He said 386 houses in Singkir and Yan were affected by flash floods due to the heavy flow of water running down from the peak of Gunung Jerai to the foothill.

He said no evacuation was done as the situation was not serious.

Meanwhile, Shahnaz said Gunung Jerai's peak and all three recreational parks at its foothill, which have been closed since the Aug 18 deadly flash flood incident, were off-limits to visitors.

Meanwhile, all 162 flood victims in Kuala Muda, who had been evacuated to three flood relief centres yesterday, have been allowed to return home as the situation improved at noon.

State Civil Defence Force disaster operations chief Saifuddin Abdullah said the victims from 39 families were allowed to return home at 1pm yesterday.



Zaiton Abdullah cleaning her flood-affected home in Yan yesterday. BERNAMA PIC



Yan police chief Deputy Superintendent Shahnaz Akhtar Haji checking out the clearing works in an area affected by Wednesday's flash floods in Yan yesterday. PIC BY ZULIATY ZULKIFLI

"The relief centres in Kampung Bukit Belah, Taman Kenari and Kampung Jerang in Sungai Petani have been closed at 1pm as the evacuees were allowed to return home," he said.

It was reported earlier yesterday that 162 flood victims were evacuated to three relief centres in Kuala Muda following Wednesday's downpour.

The evacuees had been relocated to the relief centres after their homes were inundated.

Heavy rain since Wednesday also triggered floods in Larut, Matang and Selama in Perak, forcing 57 people to evacuate their homes as of 3pm yesterday.

The affected areas are Kampung Sungai Bemban in Kuala Trong and Kampung Sungai Temelok.

A state Fire and Rescue Department spokesman said the number of evacuees had increased to 57 compared with 14 victims yesterday morning.

"The flood victims are being housed at the Nurul Hidayah Sungai Bemban Mosque and Sekolah Kebangsaan Temelok (flood relief centres)," he said.

Heavy rain and high tide also triggered flooding on Pangkor Island yesterday.

Among the affected areas were Kampung Masjid, Taman Pangkor Indah Teluk Gedung and Kampung Teluk Kecil.

No evacuations were done as floodwaters subsided a few hours later.

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	SUBUH	SYURUK	ZUHUR	ASAR	MAGHRIB	ISYAK
Melaka	5:46	6:54	12:58	4:15	6:59	8:09
Penang	5:55	7:02	1:05	4:24	7:03	8:14
K. Lumpur	5:49	6:56	1:01	4:19	7:00	8:10
Johor Baru	5:39	6:48	12:52	4:09	6:53	8:03
Kuantan	5:43	6:52	12:55	4:12	6:55	8:05
Ipoh	5:52	6:59	1:03	4:21	7:02	8:12