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A MESS: Tengku Mahkota Pahang tells govt agencies, people to curb spread of diseases

TENGGU Mahkota Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah wants all relevant agencies to speed up the cleaning of flood-stricken areas in the state to prevent the spread of diseases.

"Since the floodwaters have receded in most areas, I hope the residents will also step up measures to keep their vicinities clean, including clearing clogged drains and disposing rubbish in garbage bags.

"People must look out against infectious diseases and I believe a clean neighbourhood will keep rats and cockroaches away. I want the authorities to take a more proactive role in addressing issues involving cleanliness," he said after a briefing by Kuantan Municipal Council president Datuk Zulkifli Yaakob here yesterday.

The Public Services Department's (PSD) newly-formed JPA4U volunteers hit the ground yesterday to

help victims clean their homes and distribute aid.

Led by PSD director-general Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal, about 60 members took part in various chores, including helping to distribute food and washing homes at Cenderawasih here.

He said JPA4U had about 300 members and they hoped to encourage more youngsters from the department's agencies to participate in humanitarian activities.

In **Pekan**, Sultanah of Pahang Sultanah Kalsom, who is also the patron of the Sultan Ahmad Shah Environment Trust, handed personal hygiene items, including toothbrush, soap and blankets, to 153 families who were sheltering in SM Sains Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah.

In **Seremban**, Energy, Green Technology and Water Deputy Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said power supply to affected areas in Pahang was expected to be fully restored in the next four days.

As of yesterday, there were still areas without power supply.

He said currently, 859 users in

Maran, Jengka, Lipis, Muadzam, Pekan and Triang still did not have power supply.

"With the good weather, we are now working hard to restore power to these areas and hopefully, it will be restored in four days time."

Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) had restored supply to all areas affected by the floods in Terengganu, Johor and Kelantan.

Mahdzir said to fix and restore power supply as well as mobilising mobile power generators in all flooded areas in the four states had cost TNB RM3.86 million. He added that the company had also donated RM60,000 to victims.

Speaking after visiting the Kuala Sawah sewerage pipe network at Taman Desa Dahlia in Senawang near here yesterday, he said the floods had damaged 53 sewage treatment plants (40 in Pahang, 11 in Terengganu and two in Johor).

Fifteen had been repaired so far. "Most of the damage were to the pumps and other mechanical parts. We are still working to fix the affected plants. Work to restore all the plants is estimated to take two weeks," he said.

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Tengku Mahkota Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah (second from left) walking by a pile of damaged household items thrown out by flood-hit residents at Kampung Cenderawasih, Kuantan, yesterday. Pic by **Mustaffa Kamal**