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# Khazanah gives RM10m in aid

**FLOOD RELIEF:** Govt investment arm to work with National Security Council and Mercy Malaysia

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AND CHUAH BEE KIM**

**K**HAZANAH Nasional Bhd, the investment arm of the government, will contribute RM10 million to flood relief and rehabilitation efforts in affected states. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the donation was agreed to by Khazanah Nasional board members after their meeting yesterday.

"Khazanah will make a meaningful, significant contribution for flood relief work in these states," he said to applause from the crowd during the opening of Traders Hotel in Puteri Harbour and Legoland Malaysia Resort here yesterday.

Najib, who is also Khazanah Nasional chairman, was accompanied by Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, Second Finance Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Mohamad Hanadzlah, Khazanah Nasional deputy chairman Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop and Khazanah Nasional managing director Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar.

Najib said the government had mobilised all efforts through the National Security Council (NSC) and would continue to provide aid to flood victims.

"I am confident that the contribution by Khazanah and government-linked companies (GLCs) under Khazanah Nasional as well as every other contribution, will collectively relieve the burden of Malaysians affected by the disaster," he said, adding that all monies col-

lected would also be used to prepare for more floods. He said Khazanah Nasional would be working with the NSC and Mercy Malaysia.

The NSC would head the task force overseeing and coordinating all relief efforts in flood-hit zones while Mercy Malaysia would provide medical aid and distribute hygiene kits and food. The areas receiving aid were Pahang and Terengganu.

The RM10 million contribution was in addition to assistance that had already been extended by Khazanah Nasional, as well as GLCs that included UEM Group, CIMB Group, Axiata Group Bhd, Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Malaysia Airline System Bhd, Telekom Malaysia Bhd and Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd. The assistance committed earlier was estimated to be worth about RM4.5 million. Najib later left for Pahang.

In **Pekan**, the prime minister visited flood-hit areas to console and comfort victims.

Najib, who is also Pekan member of parliament, started his rounds by visiting a library in Kampung Lamir, which housed 319 evacuees from the village. The villagers, who were sheltering at the library since Friday, were excited when Najib and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, together with their entourage, arrived at 3.30pm.

"As the MP for this constituency, I will ensure that everyone here is taken care of.

"*Insyallah* (God willing), with pa-

tience and determination, we can pull through this test," Najib said.

During his 30-minute visit, Najib also expressed his satisfaction with the cooperation between government departments and agencies, which had pooled resources to alleviate the burden of flood victims.

He also took a boat ride to check the aftermath of the floods in the village, where houses were inundated at waist-level.

Najib next visited the temporary shelters at SK Tanah Putih and SK Seri Maulana. During his last stop at SK Sungai Isap Murni in Kuantan

near here, Najib said the state governments should consider providing additional financial aid to victims.

Najib said the Federal Government was planning to provide aid to victims in the states.

"The RM500 aid for each family is from the national level. Together with the state governments, we will consider providing additional financial assistance to flood victims," he said to resounding applause and cheers from evacuees.

Najib had, on Saturday, announced that each family would receive RM500. Present was Minister in Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim. **Additional reporting by Adib Povera**

**Page 1 pic:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak (in the boat) arriving at Kampung Lamir in Pekan to visit flood victims. He is accompanied by Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob (left) and other officials. **Pic by Mohd Asraf Sawal**

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Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** visiting **flood evacuees and their children** at a shelter in Kampung Lamir, Pekan, yesterday. Pic by Halim Mat Ali