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Kuantan in dire straits

Water and power supply cut off, aid efforts hampered

KUANTAN has been left paralysed by floods after four days of non-stop rain, with water and electricity supply cut off in most areas of the Pahang capital.

Several roads in and out of Kuantan were reportedly inundated in one metre of water.

Other affected areas in Pahang are Jerantut, Kuantan, Maran, Pekan and Rompin.

A total 19,215 people have been evacuated to 69 relief centres while 1,072 electrical substations had to stop operating, cutting off electricity supply to 62,907 consumers.

Tenaga Nasional Berhad

said in a statement the substations were in Kuantan/Gebeng, Rompin, Maran, Pekan, Kuala Lipis and Jerantut.

Bernama reported that several relief centres faced difficulties in obtaining food supplies and other basic necessities as the areas were cut off due to the floods.

In Johor, 8,250 people from Batu Pahat, Kluang, Kota Tinggi, Mersing, Muar and Segamat were evacuated and placed in 57 relief centres.

Mersing police chief DSP Zulkifli Hashim said Batu 18 Sungai Ara-Kota Tinggi was not passable to vehicles af-

ter the water level rose up to four metres.

In Terengganu, 5,138 people were placed in 65 relief centres in Dungun, Hulu Terengganu and Kemaman.

Continuous heavy rain caused riverbanks to overflow with Kemaman the worst-hit.

Several main roads have been closed, including Jalan Jerangau-Jabor in Dungun after floodwaters reached a metre high, reported Bernama.

Jalan Cukai-Air Putih in Kemaman suffered the same fate with the water level 0.5 metre deep.

TNB said 141 substations

were shut down since late Tuesday affecting 5,272 consumers in the state.

Riverbanks in Kelantan overflowed after three days of rain, affecting Kampung Guchil, Kampung Manik Urai Lama, Kampung Mangkebang and Kampung Olak Jeram.

A total of 436 people were evacuated to six relief centres in Kuala Krai, Kelantan.

In Malacca, Jasin was the worst-hit with 21 people moved to a relief centre after Sungai Kesang overflowed.

The Meteorological Department said more rain is expected today in most states in the peninsula.

FLOOD-HIT AREAS

PAHANG

Evacuees: 19,215
Families: 4,408
Affected areas: Jerantut, Kuantan, Maran, Pekan and Rompin
Evacuation centres: 69

JOHOR

Evacuees: 8,250
Families: 2,240
Affected areas: Batu Pahat, Kluang, Kota Tinggi, Mersing, Muar and Segamat
Evacuation centres: 57

TERENGGANU

Evacuees: 5,138
Families: 1,319
Affected areas: Dungun, Hulu Terengganu and Kemaman
Evacuation centres: 65

KELANTAN

Evacuees: 436
Families: 109
Affected areas: Kuala Krai
Evacuation centres: 6

MALACCA

Evacuees: 21
Families: 5
Affected areas: Jasin
Evacuation centre: 1

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Residents of Kampung Bukit Rangin in Kuantan rowing to safety after salvaging some of their personal belongings when the flood rose to almost roof level yesterday — BERNAMApic