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⑤ **Partnership: Science, Technology and Innovation**
Minister Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin (middle) witnessing the exchange of documents at the partnership signing between Hewlett Packard (M) Sdn Bhd MD Thiyagu Letchumanan (left) and Mimos chief technology officer Thillai Raj.

Warning of high winds, rough seas

KUALA LUMPUR: Winds up to 60kph and waves more than 5.5m high are expected in several areas of the South China Sea until Jan 20, the **Meteorological Department** said yesterday.

It said in a statement that the waters off Kelantan and Terengganu would face similar weather conditions and were also exposed to a rise in the sea level.

It also said high winds of between 50kph and 60kph, with waves reaching as high as 4.5m were reported in the waters off Pahang, eastern Johor, Sabah (the interior, West Coast, Kudat and Sandakan divisions), Labuan and Sarawak.

The coastal areas of Pahang and eastern Johor were also exposed to a rise in the sea level during this period, a phenomenon dangerous to all shipping and beach activities, including fishing and ferry services, said the statement.

In the waters off Sabah (Tawau, Semporna and Lahad Datu), high winds of between 40kph and 50kph were forecast and the condition was dangerous for small boats as well as sea sports and recreational activities. **Bernama**

Villagers brace for 2nd flood wave

ON ALERT: Water level rises to 1m in Sungai Lembing and Gambang, Kuantan

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RESIDENTS in flood-prone areas here are bracing for another round of floods.

Continuous rains from Thursday night have affected several areas and two families were evacuated yesterday.

The blaring sound of sirens in Sungai Lembing and Sungai Kuantan at noon yesterday sent shivers down residents' spines as they were still traumatised by the first wave of floods that saw more than 30,000 people here evacuated.

Although the weather improved later in the afternoon, the water level rose to one metre in Sungai Lembing town and Gambang, forcing the closure of the stretch at Km36 of Jalan Kuantan-Maran,



Residents wading through floodwaters in Sungai Lembing, Kuantan, yesterday. Pic by Halim Mat Ali

near the Bukit Gambang Resort City, near here.

The affected stretch, however, was later re-opened for vehicles.

As of 7pm yesterday, five flood victims from two families in Kampung Batu 8 Lepar were still seeking shelter at the multi-purpose hall in the village.

Bukit Kenau and Bukit Sagu villagers, near Sungai Kuantan, had been asked to make necessary preparations as rainfall in their areas

had exceeded the dangerous level at 4pm.

According to the Drainage and Irrigation Department's *Public Infobanjir* portal, the rainfall in Bukit Kenau had reached 66cm while Bukit Sagu recorded 72cm.

Those affected by the first wave of floods had also taken precautionary measures, including relocating important items to higher ground.

"I hope the second wave of floods

would not occur as I've just received a new mattress, pillows and electrical appliances from the authorities. I don't know where to keep these items if my house is flooded again," said Rashidah Osman, 63, who lives in Jalan Bukit Ubi.

Rashidah, sought shelter at a relief centre when her home was inundated early last month.

She had problems travelling to the haemodialysis centre as the van that used to pick her up was

being repaired after it was submerged last month.

Sungai Isap Damai resident Saiful Nizam Othman said they had made preparations for a possible second wave of floods after they heard the siren at 12noon yesterday.

"It is bad news for us as we are supposed to get new mattresses, pillows, furniture and food items on Sunday. I will move to my parents home in Alor Akar if my home is affected again," said the 40-year-old Mara technician.

Sungai Lembing resident Salamah Mohammad, 63, said water rose about 0.5m in her house at 2.30pm before the siren was sound.

"My family immediately moved our important belongings to safer place. Luckily, the water subsided but we have to be alert as the worst has yet to come."

The Meteorological Department had also issued a yellow warning yesterday, predicting intermittent rain, occasionally moderate, to occur in Pahang (Kuantan, Pekan, Rompin, Jerantut, Temerloh, Maran and Bera) and Johor (Mersing, Kota Tinggi and Segamat) until today.

The department said the condition could cause floods in low-lying areas.



Angin Kencang, Laut Bergelora Di Perairan Laut China Selatan Dijangka Berterusan Hingga 20 Jan

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Jan (Bernama) -- Angin kencang dengan kelajuan sehingga 60kmsj dan laut bergelora dengan ketinggian ombak sehingga melebihi 5.5 meter yang berlaku di beberapa kawasan perairan Laut China Selatan dijangka berterusan sehingga 20 Jan.

[Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia](#) dalam kenyataan hari ini berkata kawasan perairan Kelantan dan Terengganu yang mengalami keadaan ini juga terdedah kepada kejadian kenaikan paras air laut.

Keadaan itu juga berbahaya kepada semua aktiviti pantai dan perkapalan termasuk pekerja di pelantar minyak.

Keadaan angin kencang Timur Laut dengan kelajuan 50 hingga 60kmsj dan ketinggian ombak mencecah 4.5 meter juga dilaporkan di perairan Pahang, Johor Timur, Sabah (pedalaman, pantai barat, Kudat dan Sandakan), Labuan dan Sarawak.

Kawasan pantai Pahang dan Johor Timur juga terdedah kepada kejadian kenaikan paras air laut bagi tempoh itu.

Keadaan itu berbahaya kepada semua aktiviti perkapalan dan pantai termasuk menangkap ikan dan perkhidmatan feri, kata kenyataan itu.

Angin kencang dengan kelajuan 40 hingga 50 kmsj dan ketinggian ombak sehingga 3.5 meter dijangka berlaku di kawasan perairan Sabah (Tawau, Semporna dan Lahad Datu) sehingga 20 Jan dan berbahaya kepada bot-bot kecil, rekreasi dan sukan laut.

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