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# 'Gloomy weekend in Sabah, Sarawak'

**KOTA KINABALU:** The number of flood evacuees stood at 7,731 in Sabah and Sarawak yesterday as both states brace for a gloomy weekend.

In Sabah, the number of evacuees increased from 4,118 to 4,885 in three districts, while in Sarawak, however, the number dropped from 3,362 to 2,846.

The **Meteorological Department** said gloomy weather would persist across east Malaysia until next week.

Four days after floodwaters began rising in several west coast districts in Sabah, help poured in for victims at 14 relief centres set up by the authorities in Beaufort, Membakut and Bongawan.

Earlier in the week, the interior districts of Tenom and Sipitang were hit by floods but water levels have subsided.

Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Abdul Rahim Bakri said the armed forces would assist victims by providing medical services, meals, manpower, transportation and counselling.

"The soldiers will cooperate with commu-

nity leaders and other agencies and departments involved in the relief operations," he said after visiting the shelters in Beaufort and Membakut.

Teams from the state Welfare Services Department were mobilised to assess the help needed by victims in the flood-hit districts.

State Education director Datuk Jame Alip said classes of schools closed due to the floods would resume once the floodwaters subsided.

He said Saturday sessions would be held to replace the days the students missed.

"Some 33 schools are closed in Beaufort and Papar," said Jame, who visited several schools affected by the floods.

In Sarawak, more flood victims at relief centres returned to their homes in Samarahan, Kuching, Mukah, Miri and Limbang yesterday.

The weather had also improved despite light showers experienced in several parts of the state.

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## Amaran Angin Kencang, Laut Bergelora

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Jan (Bernama) -- Amaran angin kencang Timur Laut dan laut bergelora kategori kedua di kawasan perairan Condore dijangka berterusan sehingga Isnin depan.

**Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia** dalam kenyataan hari ini menyatakan angin kencang berkelajuan 50 hingga 60 kilometer sejam (kmsj) dengan ketinggian ombak sehingga 4.5 meter itu berbahaya kepada semua aktiviti perkapalan dan pantai termasuk menangkap ikan dan perkhidmatan feri.

Sementara itu, angin kencang Timur Laut dengan kelajuan 40 hingga 50 kmsj dan ombak mencapai sehingga 3.5 meter pula dijangka berterusan sehingga Rabu depan di perairan Reef North, Layang-Layang dan Palawan.

Keadaan itu adalah berbahaya kepada bot-bot kecil, aktiviti rekreasi laut dan sukan laut.

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# Muncul setiap 200 tahun

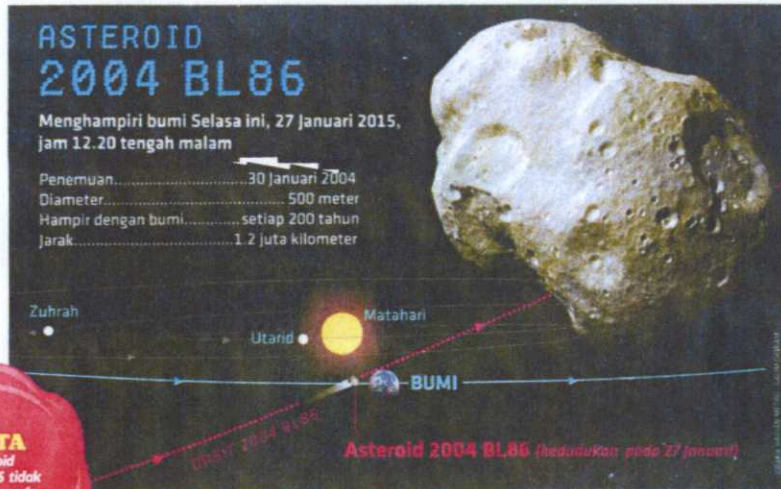
## Asteroid berada pada jarak 1.2 juta kilometer dari bumi

Kuala Lumpur

Asteroid 2004 BL86 bersaiz 500 meter diameter (0.5km) yang menghampiri bumi setiap 200 tahun sekali muncul semula pada Selasa ini, jam 12.20 tengah malam.

Agensi Angkasa Negara (Angkasa) dalam satu kenyataan berkata, Asteroid itu berada paling hampir dengan bumi pada jarak 1.2 juta kilometer atau lebih kurang tiga kali jarak bumi ke bulan.

"Kecerahan Asteroid 2004 BL86 dianggarkan pada magnitud kesembilan dan bergerak pada orbitnya mengelilingi matahari dengan kelajuan 56,420km sejam



**FAKTA**  
 Asteroid 2004 BL86 tidak bahaya kepada bumi

pada 26 dan 27 Januari. "Pada kedudukan ini, ia kelihatan bergerak di hadapan bintang dan dapat

dilihat hanya menerusi teleskop atau binokular berkuasa tinggi," menurut kenyataan itu. Asteroid 2004 BL86 ini ditemui oleh teleskop Lincoln Ne-

ar Earth Asteroid Research (LINEAR) di White Sands, New Mexico pada 30 Januari 2004. "Penyelidik di seluruh dunia menjangkakan, selepas kemuncu-

lan Asteroid 2004 BL86 pada tahun ini, tiada asteroid lain yang diketahui berada paling hampir dengan bumi sehingga tahun 2027.

"Orang ramai tidak perlu bimbang kerana ia tidak mendatangkan bahaya kepada bumi," menurut kenyataan itu.

Untuk menceraip, orang ramai boleh merujuk kepada buruj Cancer dan tempat pencerapan mestilah jauh daripada pencemaran cahaya di kawasan lapang.

"Observatori Negara Langkawi (ONL) dengan kerjasama Angkasa juga menjalankan pencerapan Asteroid 2004 BL86 pada Selasa ini," katanya.

Angkasa mengalakkan orang ramai yang memiliki teleskop sendiri, berkongsi gambar di laman sosial Angkasa iaitu Facebook: Agensi Angkasa Negara dan Twitter: angkasmalaysia. Imej yang dimuat naik juga boleh diletakkan hashtag #ASTEROID2004BL86Malaysia.

Untuk pertanyaan lanjut, sila hubungi ONL di talian 04-966 8870 atau Planetarium Negara di talian 03-2273 4303 dan e-mel di webmaster@angkasa.gov.my/planetariumweb@angkasa.gov.my - BER-NAMA

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## Chance to catch asteroid on Tuesday

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Asteroid 2004 BL86, which measures about 500 metres in diameter and passes near Earth every 200 years, will appear again on Tuesday at 12.20am.

The National Space Agency (Angkasa) in a statement yesterday, said the asteroid would be closest to Earth at a distance of about 1.2 million kilometres or about three times

the distance from Earth to the moon.

"Asteroid 2004 BL86 is expected to reach a visual magnitude of nine and orbit around the Sun at a speed of 56,420km per hour on Monday and Tuesday.

"At this position, it seems to be moving in front of the stars and can only be seen through a telescope or

high-powered binoculars.

"Researchers worldwide predict that after the appearance of Asteroid 2004 BL86 this year, no other known asteroid will be close to Earth until 2027.

"The public need not worry as it will not cause any harm to Earth."

To observe, people can refer to the Cancer constellation and observa-

tion locations must be far away from light pollution in a large area with favourable weather conditions.

The Langkawi National Observatory (ONL) and Angkasa will carry out an observation on Asteroid 2004 BL86 on Tuesday.

Angkasa encouraged anyone with a telescope to share photos on Angkasa's Facebook, Agensi

Angkasa Negara and Twitter, [angkasmalaysia](http://angkasmalaysia).

Images upload can be tagged with #ASTEROID2004BL86Malaysia.

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