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UTUSAN MALAYSIA (DALAM NEGERI) : MUKA SURAT 13
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Angin kencang, laut gelora hingga Ahad

KUALA LUMPUR 2 Jan. - Angin kencang dan laut bergelora kategori kedua di perairan Pahang, Johor Timur, Sarawak, Sabah (Pedalaman, Pantai Barat dan Kudat) dan Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan dijangka berterusan sehingga Ahad ini.

Menurut **Jabatan Meteorologi** hari ini, angin kencang Timur Laut dengan kelajuan 50 hingga 60 kilometer sejam dan ombak mencapai ketinggian sehingga 4.5 meter berbahaya kepada semua aktiviti perkapalan dan pantai termasuk menangkap ikan serta perkhidmatan feri.

"Keadaan sama turut dijangka berlaku di perairan Samui, Tioman, Bunguran, Reef South dan Labuan," menurut kenyataan itu.

Tiupan angin kencang Timur Laut dan laut bergelora tahap kategori pertama akan berterusan sehingga Ahad ini di perairan Kelantan dan Terengganu dengan kelajuan angin 40 hingga 50 kilometer sejam serta ombak mencapai ketinggian sehingga 3.5 meter.

Sementara itu, angin kencang Timur Laut dan laut bergelora kategori ketiga akan berterusan sehingga Ahad ini juga di perairan Condore, Reef North, Layang-layang dan Palawan dengan kelajuan angin melebihi 60 km/jam dengan ketinggian ombak melebihi 4.5 meter

"Keadaan itu berbahaya kepada semua aktiviti pantai dan perkapalan termasuk pekerja di pelantar minyak," kata Jabatan Meteorologi.

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Food supply to be restored within two weeks

PUTRAJAYA: The supply of food in states badly affected by the floods is expected to be fully restored within two weeks, said Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Hasan Malek.

He said the period could be shorter if the weather improved.

"The main obstacle is accessibility to the states as many roads had been inundated and closed to traffic.

"There are more than enough supply of food and other essential items for everyone but they could not be sent to the affected areas.

"Let's pray for good weather so



the supplies could reach the affected areas soon," he said yesterday.

Hasan said efforts were under way to send fuel supply to Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang.

"We have made arrangements with oil companies to give priority to the three states," he said.

Meanwhile, *Bernama* reports that the **Meteorological Department** has forecast strong winds and rough seas in the waters off Pahang, eastern Johor, Sarawak, Sabah (Interior, West Coast, and Kudat districts) and Labuan until tomorrow.

It said in a statement that the Category Two winds of 50 to 60km per hour and waves as high as 4.5m were dangerous for all shipping, including ferry services, fishing and coastal activities.

"Similar conditions are expected to prevail in the waters off Samui, Tioman, Bunguran, Reef South and

Labuan," it added.

The department said Category One winds of 40 to 50kph and waves as high as 3.5m would occur up to tomorrow in the waters off Kelantan and Terengganu.

It also said that Category Three north-easterly winds exceeding 60kph and waves higher than 4.5m were expected to occur in the waters off Condore, Reef North, Layang-layang and Palawan.

"These conditions are dangerous for all coastal activities and shipping and also for workers on oil platforms," it added.

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Works Ministry needs more time to estimate losses

PETALING JAYA: The Works Ministry needs more time to come up with the losses caused by the floods in the east coast as several locations are still inundated.

"We will only be able to give a more accurate figure once the water has subsided. We are also waiting for state governments to provide us the figures before we can release anything," said Works Minister Datuk Fadillah Yusof yesterday.

Fadillah said the ministry would need to inspect buildings and roads in the affected areas to determine the kind of repair needed.

"Once we have ascertained the scope of work, it would be easier to determine the estimated losses,"

said Fadillah, who also called on volunteers to participate in the clean-up and other post-flood recovery work.

He said that as of Friday midnight, all federal roads had been opened, though most of them would be limited to one lane at the damaged portions, adding that repair works along the road from Kuala Lumpur to Kuantan would be carried out once the water subsided.

Access to Kuantan from here is limited as the East Coast Expressway (a privatised road) is still cut off at the Lanchang-Temerloh-Chenor interchange, as of 7pm yesterday.

Temporary detours are currently being built around the collapsed

stretches of the East-West Highway (from Gerik, Perak, to Jeli, Kelantan) as well as the Jalan Lojing-Gua Musang (Kelantan) route and they are expected to be completed by Monday.

However, Jalan Aring-Kenyir-Kuala Jeneris in Terengganu will remain closed for repairs.

The Star reported that the floods in Kelantan had caused an estimated RM200mil in losses.

State flood disaster management director Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed had said that the floods had damaged basic infrastructure in the towns of Gua Musang, Kuala Krai, Tanah Merah, Tumpat, Pasir Mas and Kota Baru.

It was also said that at least RM132mil was needed to repair roads in Terengganu.

In Petaling Jaya, the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan declared that clean-up efforts in flood-affected areas in Kelantan would be led by his ministry.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had instructed his ministry to spearhead this effort, which will begin once it has been determined there will not be any further flooding.

The ministry, he added, had also received an official request from the Kelantan government for assistance

in this area.

"We will also be communicating with the Malaysian Meteorological Department to ensure clean-up efforts will not be hampered by any second or third waves of flooding," he said.

Abdul Rahman said his ministry would work closely with Kelantan flood disaster management director Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed and local authorities on the clean-up operations.

"The clean-up includes removal of carcasses, if any, to prevent health risk to the population. The Fire and Rescue Department has also been asked to provide water supply for clean-up operations."



MetMalaysia Jangka Episod Hujan Monsun Mulai 7 Atau 8 Jan

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Jan (Bernama) -- Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MetMalaysia) berkata episod hujan monsun dijangka bermula 7 atau 8 Jan ini dan berkemungkinan membawa taburan hujan berterusan selama dua hingga tiga hari di negeri seperti Johor, Sabah dan Sarawak.

Ketua Pengarahnya, Datuk Che Gayah Ismail berkata kejadian luruan monsun itu hanya dapat dipastikan dua atau tiga hari sebelum tarikh berkenaan.

"Biasanya setiap musim tengkujuh, luruan monsun berlaku empat hingga lima kali. Musim tengkujuh kali ini telah bermula pada November 2014 dan dijangka berakhir pada Mac 2015," katanya kepada Bernama hari ini.

Dalam kenyataan di sini, berhubung perkara sama, Menteri Sains Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin menasihatkan penduduk yang terdedah kepada risiko banjir musim tengkujuh supaya sentiasa mengikuti perkembangan terkini cuaca.

"Orang ramai turut digesa tidak mudah percaya dengan maklumat cuaca buruk atau kejadian tsunami yang tidak sahih yang banyak tersebar di media sosial," katanya.

Che Gayah berkata pihaknya telah menempatkan seorang pegawai meteorologi di Majlis Keselamatan Negara untuk memberi perkembangan terkini berhubung fenomena cuaca termasuk episod hujan monsun yang mungkin berlaku.

"Kami akan terus mengemas kini sebarang maklumat dari semasa ke semasa melalui laman web rasmi dan akaun laman sosial seperti Facebook dan Twitter rasmi jabatan," katanya.

Untuk maklumat lanjut, orang ramai boleh melayari di laman sesawang www.met.gov.my dan laman twitter di <https://twitter.com/malaysianmet>.

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