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Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at the National Disaster Management Agency office in Putrajaya yesterday with (from left) Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, National Disaster Management Agency director-general Datuk Zaitun Ab Samad, Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar and Armed Forces Chief General Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd Zin. Pic by Ahmad Ibrahim Mohd Noor

## 'Flood notice issued 7 days early'

**PUTRAJAYA:** The Meteorological Department, and Irrigation and Drainage Department (IDD) will issue a flood prediction notice seven days in advance and a warning two

days before the floods.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said this was part of the National Flood Prediction and Warning Programme for

the monsoon season.

"The warnings and predictions will help in the relocation process and ensure the safety of the people,

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compared with the 24-hour and six-hour notices in the past.

"We expect this move will reduce risk, especially in protecting life, belongings, infrastructure and public facilities in the affected areas," he added.

"The relocation process will be carried out by agencies including the National Disaster Management Agency, Civil Defence Department, Welfare Department, Fire and Rescue Department, and the People's Volunteer Corps (Rela)," he said after chairing the Central Disaster Management High Council Meeting here yesterday.

He said October had been designated National Preparedness Month.

He said ministries, agencies, state governments, district areas and local councils would carry out disaster simulations under the National Preparedness Plan.

"Throughout October every year, we want to boost awareness of the responsibilities and actions taken by the Federal Government to ensure

that the welfare of the people is looked after during disasters," he said.

Zahid added that the Federal Government would come up with a flood mitigation plan focused on Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan.

"The mitigation plan is costly, estimated at RM36 billion, but it must be planned now to reduce flood disaster risk for 20 years to come in terms of payback period," he said.

"The Natural Resources and Environment Ministry has carried out a feasibility study for the plan, and the initial study has been put forward to the council.

"However, the application has not been approved."

Zahid said as part of the initial plan there would be flood retention areas, flood gates and more flood barriers would be built.

He said although the monsoon season would be here soon, the Meteorological Department could not predict the volume of rainwater that would fall.

Zahid said this year's floods were not expected to be as bad as the 2014 floods.

## Protect your children online, parents urged

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**PETALING JAYA:** Almost all Malaysian parents worry about their child's safety online, yet less than half of them actually do something about it, a survey showed.

The study showed that while 95% of Malaysians worry about their child's safety online, including more than 60% of parents claiming that their children were cyber crime victims, only 48% acted on their fears.

The parents grapple with their children suffering from cyber bullying, online predators and privacy concerns, reveals Symantec Asia Pacific (Asia Consumer Business).

The measures taken range from basic steps like only allowing Internet access with parental supervision and checking browser history, to more savvy actions like installing trackers on their children's devices.

On June 14, *The Star* reported that mobile chat apps like WeChat and BeeTalk are the main tools for

sex predators in Malaysia, based on Bukit Aman's statistics.

Since 2015, a whopping 80% of reported rape cases involved sex predators who preyed on their victims online. And, in June, British paedophile Richard Huckle was given 22 life sentences by a London court for abusing 23 Malaysian and Cambodian babies and children for almost a decade.

Released recently, the global report surveyed 21,302 mobile device users aged 18 and above, including 1,000 Malaysian participants.

CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM) has urged parents to supervise their children online.

Urging parents to install protection apps and advanced Internet software to control their children's activities online, the national cybersecurity agency's chief executive officer Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab said these could help filter harmful content, monitor websites the child visits and track their activities online.

These parental control aids could also alert parents if their

child tried to access blocked sites, and keep a record of text messages sent and received, he said in an interview.

"It's useful for parents and their children to agree on some ground rules together," he said.

From January until June this year, CSM received 16 reports involving children.



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