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High tide expected in west coast

PUTRAJAYA: The high tide phenomenon is expected to hit the west coast of the peninsula from Oct 17 to 20 and Nov 14 to 17.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim said the recent flooding in Selangor (affecting Klang, Sabak Bernam and Kuala Selangor), Perak (Bagan Datoh) and Kedah (Kuala Muda) was the result of high tide.

He said the phenomenon, coupled with high waves and strong winds, had contributed to the flooding in the three states from Sept 16 to 21.

"Immediate action must be taken in terms of structural and non-structural measures, such as fixing bunds, building rock bunds and increasing the height of bunds, for the long term. For the short term, the National Disaster Management Agency will place sandbags in the affected areas.

"Despite the Meteorological Department's weather forecast stating that it (the expected high tide) would not be as bad as previously, we are still making preparations in anticipation of flooding," he said after chairing a Central Disaster Management Committee meeting yesterday.



Minister in the Prime Minister's Department **Datuk Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim** (centre) chairing a Central Disaster Management Committee meeting in **Putrajaya** yesterday. Pic by Mohd Fadli Hamzah

The meeting was held to discuss steps, strategies and the deployment of agencies in the face of the high tide and floods, as well as the north-east monsoon.

Shahidan said evacuation would be carried out before flooding happened and victims would be returned home after the water level subsided.

He said early evacuation would reduce the number of boats used during flooding incidents.

Shahidan said mangroves and avi-

cennia plants would be planted in areas deemed at risk to reduce the impact of water overflow.

"A forward operating base will be deployed to distribute aid and food to affected communities, while an early warning will be sounded via various channels before the high tide hits. Agencies will identify staff for the operations, as well as volunteers from the police, army, Fire and Rescue Department, Civil Defence Department and People's Volunteer Corps at the state level."

FENOMENA AIR PASANG, OMBAK BESAR DAN ANGIN KENCANG

Ramalan bencana Oktober, November

➔ Beberapa pendekatan diambil hadapi banjir di Pantai Barat

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Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Pusat, semalam memramalkan fenomena air pasang berserta ombak besar dan angin kencang akan melanda Pantai Barat Semenanjung pada 17 hingga 20 Oktober dan 14 hingga 17 November ini.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim, berkata beberapa pendekatan akan diambil bagi menghadapi banjir pantai yang diramalkan, termasuk tindakan segera seperti langkah struktur dan bukan struktur supaya kesannya dapat dikurangkan.

"Langkah struktur yang akan dilaksanakan segera ialah membaiki ban dan ban batu yang rosak selain meninggikan paras ketinggian ban yang sedia ada.

Selain itu, Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (NADMA) akan menganjurkan program menyeddiakan beg pasir secara perkong-

sian bijak membabitkan agensi kerajaan, swasta dan badan bukan kerajaan (NGO)," katanya.

Terdahulu, beliau mengpersembahkan Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Pusat di Bangunan Perdana Putra di sini.

Mesyuarat kira-kira tiga jam itu turut dihadiri wakil Jabatan Ukur dan Pemetaan (JUPEM), Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS), Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (Met-Malaysia) serta Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM).

Pada 22 September lalu, BH melaporkan fenomena air pasang besar akan bermula pada minggu ketiga Oktober depan.

Penanaman pokok bakau

Shahidan berkata, bagi mengurangkan kesan limpahan air pula, perancangan jangka sederhana dan panjang seperti penanaman pokok bakau serta pokok api-api di kawasan yang berisiko banjir akan dilaksanakan.

"Bagaimanapun, ini adalah langkah jangka sederhana dan jangka panjang. Kita berpendapat hanya alam semula jadi dapat 'melawan'



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Menteri di Jabatan
Perdana Menteri

fenomena semula jadi ini. Jika kita membina benteng, ia pasti akan pecah.

"Kita juga akan memberi he-bahan awal kepada penduduk di kawasan berisiko. Diharapkan penduduk memberi kerjasama dengan mematuhi segala arahan yang dikeluarkan pihak berkuasa dari semasa ke semasa," katanya.



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