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TARIKH: 30 DISEMBER 2014 (SELASA)**

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Harapan tahun 2015

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Jabatan Meteorologi keluar amaran merah

SHAHALAM - Jabatan Meteorologi mengeluarkan amaran merah kepada beberapa negeri termasuk Pahang, Johor, Terengganu (Dungun dan Kemaman) berikutan gelombang ke empat bermula petang kelmarin.

Pengarah Khidmat Korporat dan Komersial Meteorologi, Dr Mohd Hisham Mohd Anip berkata, penduduk di kawasan terlibat diminta berjaga-jaga dan bersedia sedia jika amaran berpindah dikeluarkan.

Menurutnya, keadaan hujan lebat dan kadangkala berterusan juga akan mengakibatkan negeri-negeri berikut dinaiki air.

Manakala negeri pantai barat termasuk Selangor pula akan menerima tempas iaitu cuaca mendung dan lembap serta hujan yang kadangkala re-

nyai-renyai berterusan.

"Amaran merah dikeluarkan berikutan keadaan hujan berterusan dan kadangkala lebat. Perubahan monsun peringkat keempat itu dijangka akan berakhir pada 1 atau 2 Januari dan kawasan yang dikenal pasti kawasan banjir atau yang berhampiran dikehendaki bersedia sedia serta menjaga keselamatan keluarga masing-masing," katanya, semalam.

Beliau berkata, gelombang kali ini akan memberi kesan kepada Johor, khususnya di daerah Kota Tinggi, Mersing, Segamat dan Kluang.

"Manakala kawasan rendah lain di Johor juga, berkemungkinan berdepan risiko ditenggelami banjir akibat kesan limpahan air yang berlaku di sebelah Pantai Timur," katanya.

KERATAN AKHBAR
UTUSAN MALAYSIA (DALAM NEGERI) : MUKA SURAT 21
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Amaran hujan lebat tahap merah di Terengganu, Pahang, Johor

KUALA LUMPUR 29 Dis. - Jabatan Meteorologi mengeluarkan amaran hujan lebat peringkat merah di Terengganu, Pahang dan Johor yang dijangka berterusan sehingga Rabu ini.

Menurut laman web jabatan itu, angin kencang berkelajuan 60 kilometer sejam dan laut bergelora dengan ketinggian ombak melebihi 4.5 meter turut dijangka berlaku di perairan Pantai Timur Semenanjung, Sabah, Sarawak dan Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan.

"Amaran peringkat tertinggi banjir yang membawa hujan sekejap-sekejap kadangkala lebat ini

berlaku di daerah Dungun, Kemaman, Kuantan, Pekan, Rompin dan Mersing.

"Selain itu, kawasan pantai di Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang dan Johor Timur juga akan terdedah kepada kejadian kenaikan paras air laut sehingga Rabu," kata laman web tersebut.

Dalam pada itu, amaran peringkat jingga yang membawa hujan sekejap-sekejap kadangkala sederhana lebat juga dikeluarkan di daerah Hulu Terengganu, seluruh daerah Negeri Sembilan serta beberapa kawasan di Pahang melibatkan daerah Bera, Temerloh, Jerantut dan Maran.

KERATAN AKHBAR
HARIAN METRO (SETEMPAT): MUKA SURAT 33
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Kuala Lumpur

Negeri Sembilan kawasan amaran

Jabatan Meteorologi meletakkan semua daerah di Negeri Sembilan sebagai satu lagi kawasan amaran hujan lebat peringkat jingga sehingga esok susulan hujan berterusan di negeri itu sejak kebela-kangan ini.

Pegawai bertugas Pusat Cuaca Nasional Jabatan Meteorologi berkata, amaran itu menjadikan sebanyak 19 kawasan diletakkan di peringkat

jingga membabitkan daerah di Terengganu, Pahang, Johor dan Sarawak.

"Manakala amaran peringkat merah diletakkan bagi daerah Dungun dan Kemaman di Terengganu; Kuantan, Pekan dan Rompin di Pahang; dan Mersing di Johor yang meramalkan hujan sekejap-sekejap dan kadang-kala lebat berterusan hingga esok," katanya.

KERATAN AKHBAR
THE STAR (VALLEY VIEWS) : MUKA SURAT 22
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Flash floods

Even though water levels at dams were low, Klang Valley residents dread the sound of thunder. True to the **Meteorological Department** forecast of heavy rain and thunderstorms in April, flash floods hit KL and Selangor. Traffic came to a standstill one rainy afternoon in May at the Jalan Duta-Jalan Semantan interchange.

The deluge of flood water, which came up to 30cm high, left motorists stranded as the exit heading towards Lebuhraya Mahameru was sealed off by muddy waters.

On Oct 1, following a 90-minutes' downpour, cars in a parking lot along Jalan Pinang in KL was submerged in flood waters. The lack of proper irrigation systems, rapid development including the ongoing MRT works and poor disposal habits continue to cause flood floods in the city.



Situation getting worse in eight districts in Pahang

KUANTAN: Eight districts in Pahang are badly affected by the floods which saw 37,389 people from 9,065 families displaced from their homes.

Topping the list was Temerloh with 15,366 people from 77 villages, followed by Jerantut with 6,025 people from 52 villages, and Pekan with 5,108 people from 40 villages.

The figures are expected to climb due to continuous rainfall, with the **Malaysian Meteorological Department** issuing a warning on heavy rain and strong winds for the next 48 hours.

Other affected districts were Maran (3,690 people from 41 villages), Kuantan (2,277 people from 30 villages), Lipis (2,428 people from 32 villages), Bera (2,426 people from 14 villages) and Rompin (29 people from two villages).

A total of 244 flood relief centres have been opened to provide shelter to affected residents since the start of the floods – said to be the country's worst so far.

Continuous rain over the last 24 hours also saw Temerloh and Mentakab towns inundated with knee-deep waters.

Elsewhere, seven major rivers in the state had not only breached their respective danger levels, but are continuing to swell.

As of 2pm, Sungai Yap in Jerantut recorded 55.09m (danger level 52m) while Sungai Pahang at Kampung Chenor and Lubuk Paku – both in Maran – hit 26.72m (23.50m) and 21.79m (19m), respectively.

Other rivers on Red Alert include Sungai Tembeling at Kuala Tahan (77.52m), Sungai Pahang at Paloh Hinai, Pekan (12.28m, or nearly double its normal level of 6.5m), Sungai Pahang at Lubuk Pasu, Temerloh at 36.21m (33m) and Kuala Sungai Chini at 17.32m (14.90m).

All the river levels are measured in relation to the mean sea level.

Five other rivers – Sungai Jelai in Lipis, Sungai Kuantan near Pasir Kemudi and Kuantan bypass, Sungai Belat and Sungai Triang – are at the "alert" level, just a step below "warning" level.

Anih Bhd, the concessionaire for East Coast Expressway, said flooding at the 126th kilometre of the road that affected a 800m-stretch had yet to subside, while intermittent rain has been present since Sunday evening.

Alloy MTD head of communications Fazlyaton Hussein said as a precautionary measure, another stretch – the 76th km from Karak to Kuantan – had to be closed to all traffic.

"Flood waters have yet to subside and it is dangerous for all vehicles. Personnel are being stationed to divert traffic," she said, while urging road users to adhere to advice.

Disaster first response impeded

Rescue work and priorities hampered

PETALING JAYA: The National Security Council (NSC) disaster management was hampered when its staff at the district level were themselves victims of the flood.

The NSC cited a "complete collapse" of its disaster management team at the district levels in the East Coast as the cause of delays in rescue and relief efforts.

Getting individuals and companies to donate food and other supplies was the "easiest" part – the trouble in finding and rescuing the displaced and working out which area was the worst affected magnified when communications systems were down.

The NSC secretary Datuk Mohamed Thajudeen Abdul Wahab said their national disaster management team functioned by communicating from federal to state, and state to district level.

This time, however, the team at the district level had been hit themselves.

He said the massive floods which hit Kelantan and Terengganu in 1967 and then in 2004, were "nothing compared to the floods this year".

"In the districts, the frontliners of our disaster management machinery include the village headman and district officers.

"But due to the magnitude of the floods, most districts were completely inundated.

"Our entire district machinery collapsed as they had become victims themselves.

"At this point electricity supply had to be cut to ensure victims do not get electrocuted.

"This made communications even more challenging, with downed lines handphones

with drained batteries and no power.

"For us to know where help was needed and how bad each district was hit became the biggest problem," he said yesterday.

"To make things worse, accessing these districts became impossible during the peak of the flooding between Dec 23 to Dec 27."

"We could not use heavy vehicles, the currents were too strong to use boats and the winds were too turbulent to go by air," he said.

Now, he said, the peak was over and things were getting "slightly better" as it was possible to deliver aid by air and on the ground.

He said 15 helicopters had been deployed in Kelantan alone. But there were still areas in the flood stricken states where helicopters had no landing ground and it was either government agencies, NGOs, or ad hoc leaders on the ground taking charge of distributing aid.

While the NSC coordinated the rescue and relief efforts, the agencies conducting the actual rescue efforts include the Fire and Rescue Department, army, police and Civil Defence Department.

The Meteorological Department yesterday issued its highest "Red Stage" warning for heavy rains in Dungun and Kemaman in Terengganu, Kuantan, Pekan and Rompin in Pahang and Mersing in Johor.

It said intermittent and occasional rain is expected to continue until Wednesday.

According to Bernama, the number of flood victims evacuated were 147,072, in Kelantan, 35,501 in Pahang, 32,210 in Terengganu, 7,407 in Perak and 175 in Johor.