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Expect heavy rain, storms, says Met Department

KUALA LUMPUR: The Klang Valley, the east coast of the peninsula, Sabah and Sarawak, as well as several other states, are expected to experience heavy rain and thunderstorms in the next few days.

The Meteorological Department forecast continuous heavy rain in the next 24 hours over several areas in Kelantan, while intermittent rain was expected in Pahang.

"Heavy rain is expected over Johor and Sarawak (Kuching, Samarahan, Serian, Sri Aman, Betong, Sarikei, Sibu, Mukah and Bintulu) from Wednesday until Friday," the department said.

It also warned of strong northeasterly winds, which could be dangerous to small crafts, recreational sea activities, watersports, as well as shipping and coastal activities.

"Strong northeasterly winds of 50 to 60kph with waves up to 4.5m are expected to occur off Condore and Reef North in the South China Sea until Saturday. Strong northeasterly winds of 40 to 50kph with waves up to 3.5m are expected to occur off Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, east Johor and Sarawak until Saturday."

The department also warned of a tropical storm, expected to occur approximately 904km northwest of Kudat, Sabah, with west-northwestward movement at the speed of 15kph. This condition might cause strong winds of 40 to 50kph and waves up to 3.5m off Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, east Johor and Sarawak.

In **Kota Kinabalu**, Sabah Meteorological Department director Azemi Daud said the state was not affected by Typhoon Nock-Ten since its movement was far from the state.

"There are strong winds and waves at sea, but it will have little effect on Sabah's waters due to the distance," said Azemi, adding that the typhoon was moving towards Vietnam.

Kota Belud town hit by flash floods



Water everywhere: Kota Belud town was inundated yesterday, leaving many small vehicles stuck in the flood waters.

Water level rises to 0.3m, stranding vehicles and forcing traffic to a crawl

KOTA KINABALU: Flash floods hit Kota Belud town following a two-hour downpour, bringing traffic to a standstill yesterday afternoon.

The water level rose to about 0.3m in the town that sits on an elevated area in the Crocker Range about 80km from here.

Northern Kudat and Kota Marudu were cut off during the two-hour long downpour, said Sabah Civil Defence Department director Col Mulliadi Al Hamid Ladin.

He said a 100m stretch of road

along the Kota Belud bypass that links to Kudat and Kota Marudu was only passable to heavy vehicles while many small vehicles were also stranded in the area forcing traffic to a crawl.

Flood waters at Kampung Sembirai were at danger level while residents of Kampung Piasau have asked to be on alert as flood waters were rising, he added.

"The floods might have been triggered by blocked drains. The water slowly receded following the

2.30pm downpour," he said.

As of 5pm, vehicles could drive through the floods, he said, adding that they were monitoring the situation closely.

Civil Defence personnel were on standby to ensure public safety.

Meanwhile, a meteorologist tracking Typhoon Nock-Ten said the typhoon was unlikely to have any severe impact on Sabah as it heads towards South China Sea after hitting the Philippines on Christmas Day.

The meteorologist believes it was weakening and heading on a westerly-north direction that may see coastal areas of Sabah getting more rain over the next 48 to 72 hours.

The Meteorological Department here said there would be more rainfall than the normal experienced during the northwest monsoon.

The effects of Typhoon Nock-Ten would be strong winds and waves up to 3.5m over the state's coastal areas in South China Sea and there may also be strong winds on land.

Typhoon Nock-Ten slammed into the Philippines on Sunday killing at least six people and triggered flooding in some areas.

Sabah is seeing the tail effects of the typhoon which could still cause severe flooding and damages.

KERATAN AKHBAR
BERITA HARIAN (BANJIR) : MUKA SURAT 19
TARIKH : 28 DISEMBER 2016 (RABU)

Pusat pemindahan banjir SK Tiong ditutup

Kota Bharu: Pusat pemindahan di Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Tiong, di sini, ditutup semalam selepas 42 mangsa banjir daripada sembilan keluarga mula pulang ke kediaman masing-masing.

Semua mangsa banjir dari tiga kampung, iaitu Kampung Tiong, Taman Tiong dan Kampung Seribong itu mula pulang jam 11 pagi berikutan air sudah surut.

Pentadbir Mukim Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Pasir Tumboh, Wan Azizi Abdul Ghani, berkata semua mereka dibenarkan pulang selepas mendapat kebenaran Pegawai Daerah.

"Paras air di rumah penduduk sudah surut sejak kelmarin, namun mereka diminta kekal di sini memandangkan ramalan Jaba-

tan Meteorologi yang menjangka berlaku hujan lebat mulai semalam (kelmarin) sehingga esok (hari ini).

"Namun, memandangkan tidak berlaku hujan lebat, Pegawai Daerah membenarkan mereka pulang hari ini (semalam)," katanya ketika ditemui di SK Tiong, di sini, semalam.

Sementara itu, penduduk, Rakhiah Salleh, 54, berkata dia gembira boleh pulang ke rumah selepas lima hari berada di pusat pemindahan.

"Kami bersyukur tiada lagi banjir seperti ramalan dan saya berharap kami sekeluarga tidak perlu berpindah selepas ini. Ini kali kedua kami sekeluarga berpindah tahun ini," katanya.

Sementara itu, di Chukai, seorang ibu muda yang masih berpantang 15 hari terpaksa meredah banjir sejauh

100 meter selepas rumah ibunya di Kampung Padang, Kemasik, dinaiki air, awal pagi kelmarin.

Shuhaili Sharudin, 21, yang tinggal di Paka, pergi ke rumah ibunya di Kampung Padang. Kemaski selepas melahirkan anak keduanya, 15 hari lalu.

Bagaimanapun, pada petang Ahad lalu, beliau bersama suami, Mohd Rizal Mohd Esa, 27, dan anak sulung, Muhammad Shahriz Hafizi, 3, berkunjung ke rumah ibunya.

Suhaili berkata, ketika tiba di rumah ibunya pada jam 4 petang, cuaca masih elok tetapi hujan lebat apabila malam.

"Pada jam 4 pagi semalam (kelmarin), ayah (Sharudin Osman, 48) mengajak kami pindah kerana bimbang rumah dinaiki air," katanya.

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Mangsa banjir keluar daripada dewan Sekolah Kebangsaan Tiong, Kota Bharu selepas dibenarkan pulang.

KERATAN AKHBAR
HARIAN METRO (SETEMPAT) : MUKA SURAT 19
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Kota Bharu: Selepas lima hari tinggal di pusat pemindahan sementara di Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Tiong, di sini, 42 mangsa banjir daripada sembilan keluarga gembira dibenarkan pulang ke rumah masing-masing, semalam.

Pusat pemindahan berkenaan ditutup pada jam 11 pagi selepas air di kediaman semua mangsa dari tiga kampung iaitu Kampung Tiong, Taman Tiong dan Kampung Seribong, surut.

Penduduk, Rakiah Salleh, 54, berkata, dia tidak sabar bermalam di rumahnya selepas berpindah sementara di pusat berkenaan.

"Syukur Alhamdulillah,

Pusat pemindahan SK Tiong ditutup jam 11 pagi

kami dapat pulang dan melihat kediaman yang lama ditinggalkan. Kami berharap selepas ini tidak perlu berpindah ke situ.

"Risau juga dengan keadaan rumah kerana ketika berpindah paras air sedang naik," katanya ketika ditemui di SK Tiong, di sini, semalam.

Suri rumah, Che Saloma Salleh, 40, berharap banjir tidak berulang selepas ini kerana dia tidak mahu lagi berpindah.

"Kami sudah penat kerana dalam tempoh tidak sampai sebulan, sudah dua kali kami



SUZIANA Zulkifli, 36, (kanan) memangku bayinya yang berusia dua bulan keluar dari dewan Sekolah Kebangsaan Tiong, Kota Bharu.

berpindah dan perlu menyimpan barang berharga ke tempat yang tinggi serta selamat.

"Harapan kami supaya sistem perparitan di kawasan ini diperbaiki secepat mungkin supaya banjir tidak berulang," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pentadbir Mukim Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Pasir Tumboh, Wan Azizi Abdul Ghani berkata, semua mangsa dibenarkan pulang selepas mendapat kebenaran daripada pegawai daerah.

"Paras air di rumah penduduk surut sejak semalam,

namun mereka diminta kekal di pusat pemindahan kerana ramalan Jabatan Meteorologi menjangkakan hujan lebat mulai semalam (kelmarin) sehingga esok (hari ini).

"Memandangkan hujan lebat tidak berlaku, pegawai daerah membenarkan mereka pulang hari ini (semalam)," katanya.

Harian Metro sebelum ini, melaporkan semua mangsa banjir berkenaan berpindah ke pusat pemindahan di SK Tiong sejak Jumaat lalu selepas kediaman mereka dinaiki air setinggi dua meter.