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## MTDC sedia dana RM40 juta untuk CRDF 2017

**KUALA LUMPUR** - Malaysian Technology Development Corporation Sdn. Bhd. (MTDC) memperuntukkan sejumlah RM40 juta bagi Dana Pengkomersialan Hasil Penyelidikan dan Pembangunan (CRDF) tahun ini.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutifnya, Datuk Norhalim Yunus berkata, peruntukan tersebut adalah sama dengan jumlah yang diagihkan pada 2016.

"Kami berharap penubuhan CRDF boleh menjadi pemangkin kepada kerjasama syarikat korporat dengan universiti tempatan dalam menghasilkan produk untuk dikomersialkan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas majlis



FAREEZ FAHMI (dua dari kiri) bertukar dokumen perjanjian dengan Aziz (dua dari kanan) di Kuala Lumpur semalam.

menandatangani memorandum persefahaman (MoU) bagi aplikasi teknologi jalan Gentian Asfalt Mastik (FMA) di sini semalam.

MoU itu ditandatangani

antara syarikat Novapave Sdn. Bhd. (Novapave) dan firma kuari, Gemencheh Granite Sdn. Bhd. (Gemencheh Granite).

Ia diwakili oleh Ketua

Pegawai Eksekutif Novapave, Fareez Fahmi Mohd. Rashidi dan Pengerusi Lembaga Pengarah Gemencheh Granite, Datuk Aziz Shamsuddin.

Berdasarkan MoU itu, Gemencheh Granite akan menjadi kuari dan pengeluar pracampuran asfalt manakala Novapave membekalkan bahan selulosa Novacel serta kepakaran bagi aplikasi turapan FMA.

Novapave juga merupakan penerima dana CRDF di bawah program Symbiosis bagi mengkomersialkan teknologi FMA yang bertujuan meningkatkan taraf kualiti jalan persekutuan serta lebuh raya di dalam dan luar negara.

- Bernama



**KERATAN AKHBAR**  
**UTUSAN MALAYSIA (UTUSAN BIZ) : MUKA SURAT 15**  
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**MOHD. FAREEZ FAHMI MOHD. RASHIDI** (duduk kiri) dan Aziz Shamsuddin menandatangani memorandum persefahaman bagi aplikasi teknologi jalan Fibre Mastic Asphalt, disaksikan oleh Norhalim Yunus (tengah), Pengarah Putra Science Park, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Professor Madya Dr. Samsilah Roslan (kiri), dan wakil Gemencheh Granite, Rajbeer Singh Mohan Singh, di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

## Novapave eksport FMA ke India, Korea Selatan

**KUALA LUMPUR 25 Jan.** - Novapave Sdn. Bhd. akan mengeksport teknologi turapan jalan, Fibre Mastic Asphalt (FMA) ke India dan Korea Selatan dengan nilai kontrak RM6 juta.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutifnya, Mohd. Fareez Fahmi Mohd. Rashidi berkata, beliau menyasarkan kapasiti permintaan di India berjumlah 400 tan sehingga 500 tan bagi produk fiber sahaja.

Kata beliau, pihaknya telah berbincang dan menandatangani perjanjian dengan rakan niaga bagi memasarkan produk hasil inovasi universiti tempatan di sana.

"Syarikat pembekal utama produk fiber di India telah bersetuju menggunakan produk kami untuk turapan jalan di sana sekali gus membuktikan inovasi tempatan diterima di peringkat antarabangsa.

"Sementara itu, dengan Korea selatan pula kami masih di peringkat perbincangan bagi menilai beberapa faktor sebelum memuktamadkan keputusan. Dianggarkan kapasiti permintaan di Korea Selatan bagi tahun 2017 adalah 1,000 tan," katanya dalam sidang akhbar majlis menandatangani memorandum persefahaman (MoU) antara Novapave dan Gemencheh Granite Sdn. Bhd. di sini hari ini.

Yang turut hadir Pengerusi Lembaga Pengarah Gemencheh Granite, Datuk Aziz Shamsuddin

dan Ketua Eksekutif Perbadanan Pembangunan Teknologi Malaysia (MTDC), Datuk Norhalim Yunus.

Terdahulu, Norhalim menyaksikan majlis MoU antara Novapave yang diwakili Fareez manakala Aziz mewakili Gemencheh Granite bagi aplikasi teknologi jalan FMA di jalan dan lebuh raya di Malaysia.

Tambah Fareez, dengan menggunakan teknologi baharu ini, kos turapan jalan di seluruh negara dapat dikurangkan selain meningkatkan keselamatan pengguna jalan raya.

Katanya, produk ini mempunyai ketahanan dua kali ganda berbanding kaedah turapan biasa dan sesuai digunakan di jalan raya yang mempunyai kadar aliran trafik tinggi dan kerap digunakan oleh kenderaan berat.

"FMA mampu bertahan sehingga 10 tahun berbanding turapan biasa iaitu tiga hingga lima tahun sahaja, selain kosnya yang murah. Setakat ini projek rintis turapan jalan menggunakan kaedah ini telah dilaksanakan di dalam kawasan Universiti Putra Malaysia dan beberapa jalan terpilih di Melaka," katanya.

Mengenai potensi eksport FMA ke negara lain, beliau memberitahu, buat masa ini Sepanyol dan Singapura telah menunjukkan minat untuk mendapatkan teknologi ini.

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### Meterai MoU

MoU itu dimeterai antara syarikat permulaan Novapave Sdn Bhd dan firma kuari, Gemencheh Granite Sdn Bhd.

Mengikut MoU itu, Gemencheh Granite akan menjadi kuari dan pengeluar pra-campuran asfalt manakala Novapave pula membekalkan bahan selulosa Novacel serta kepakaran bagi aplikasi turapan FMA.

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Syarikat itu bekerjasama dengan Universiti Putra Malaysia untuk menjalankan projek pengkomersilan berkenaan.

Novapave juga melaksanakan pembinaan turapan percubaan di beberapa jalan pilihan dengan tertakluk kepada perbincangan bersama pihak Jabatan Kerja Raya serta Lembaga Lebuhraya Malaysia.

MTDC turut bekerjasama dalam membangunkan proses pengeluaran komersial bagi Novapave yang kini akan berpindah ke Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.

**BERNAMA**





## MTDC Allocates RM40 Million For CRDF This Year

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 25 (Bernama) -- **The Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC)** has allocated RM40 million this year, for the Commercialisation of Research & Development Fund (CRDF), which provides funding for the commercial activities of locally developed technologies undertaken by Malaysian-owned companies.

Chief Executive Officer Datuk Norhalim Yunus said the allocation was similar to the amount set aside for 2016.

"We hope the amount to be disbursed in 2018 will be the same or more," he told reporters after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Fibre Mastic Asphalt's street technology applications here today.

Under the MoU, Gemencheh Granite Sdn Bhd would supply asphalt mixture while Novapave Sdn Bhd would supply Novacel cellulosic materials and its expertise on the FMA pavement technology.

Norhalim said the establishment of CRDF was expected to be a catalyst for corporate companies to partner local universities in producing products for commercialisation.

Novapave is a CRDF grant recipient under the MTDC's Symbiosis programme which is aimed at commercialising FMA pavement technology, improving the quality of federal roads and highways at home and abroad.

The FMA pavement technology is an innovation that can extend the lifespan of roads from five years to 10 years including doubling its strength to overcome the problem of potholes.

-- BERNAMA

# NOVAPAVE EYES RM6M EXPORT RECEIPT

Company in talks to sell fibre mastic asphalt technology to parties in India and S. Korea

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**N**OVAPAVE Sdn Bhd has projected an export receipt of RM6 million this year with its newly commercialised technology in fibre mastic asphalt.

Novapave will sell its technology to interested parties, promising a better and more durable fibre mastic asphalt or better known as road tar. The company is now in talks with parties in India and South Korea.

"We have signed pacts with parties in India and South Korea with a combined value of RM6 million, while we explore other markets such as Nepal, Egypt, Indonesia and Spain.

"We have tried the technology on two roads in Malacca as well as in Universiti Putra Malaysia and the results have been good. Based on this, we have promoted our technology and managed to bag contracts in two countries," said Novapave chief executive officer Fareez Fahmi.

The fibre mastic asphalt technology will extend the lifespan of roads from three to five years currently to

between seven and 10 years. It also enables the road to withstand twice the current loads.

Yesterday, Novapave signed a memorandum of understanding with Selai Group's unit Gemencheh Granite Sdn Bhd to apply the technology on federal roads and highways through trial lay.

Novapave is a recipient of the Malaysian Technology Development Corp (MTDC) commercialisation of research and development fund.

MTDC chief executive officer Datuk Nurhalim Yunus said it had so far invested RM1.5 million in Novapave to encourage the research and commercialisation of the company.

"With encouraging results, we plan to continue giving out assistance in the form of a grant for the company to keep growing.

"We are optimistic that the firm will achieve good returns especially with the ability to capture the South Korean market, of which the technology originated from initially.

"This year we have about RM40 million to give out to new startups with new technologies that are not possessed by other countries, which have marketability," he added.



Novapave chief executive officer Fareez Fahmi (left) exchanging documents with Gemencheh Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Aziz Shamsuddin (second from right) at the signing of a memorandum of understanding in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Also present are Malaysian Technology Development Corp chief executive officer Datuk Nurhalim Yunus (second from left) and Gemencheh Granite representative Rajbeer Singh Mohan Singh. PIC BY YAZIT RAZALI



**KERATAN AKHBAR**  
**THE SUN (BRIEFS) : MUKA SURAT 04**  
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**PLAN TRIPS WITH MYCUACA**

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Malaysian Meteorological Department's (MetMalaysia) "myCuaca" mobile application offers the latest weather information to help the public plan their journey, especially during the upcoming Chinese New Year. MetMalaysia director-general Datuk Che Gayah Ismail said the application provides the latest weather information, as well as notifications on earthquakes, floods and heavy rain. The application can be downloaded for free through PlayStore for Android users and AppStore for Apple devices.



**Nine lives:**  
Muhammad Faruq Shabudi, 15, (right) and Muhammad Shukri Zulkafli, 20, wading through rising waters to rescue six cats trapped in a flooded home at Kampung Padang Serai. — Bernama

## DPM: Aid agencies ready for floods

**PUTRAJAYA:** The second wave of floods this year is expected to be worse than in 2016, says Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

This is based on the rainfall distribution and the rising water levels in several states, such as Johor and Pahang.

As such, he said, the authorities were expecting more people to be evacuated due to floods.

Dr Ahmad Zahid, who is Home Minister and National Disaster Management Committee chairman, expressed his fears about this second wave, saying the west coast of the peninsula had also been hit because rain from the northeast monsoon winds had reached far beyond the main range coupled with rain brought by northwest winds.

"This is why disaster aid agencies are in a high state of preparedness," he said after receiving a courtesy call from New Zealand's Minister of Immigration Michael Woodhouse

at his office here yesterday.

Dr Ahmad Zahid added that based on the **Meteorological Department's forecasts**, the second wave was expected to last until March.

After east coast states Kelantan, Pahang and Terengganu were hit in the first wave, the same states were hit again in the second along with west coast states like Johor, Perak, Malacca and Selangor.

He also said the standard operating procedures for flood relief operations have been improved and in place, including preparing tents and food.

"Food served at evacuation centres is no longer like before when it was instant noodles and sardines.

"To ensure that this time around preparations are up to the mark, agencies involved in flood relief are cooperating with the Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority and the Malaysian Fisheries Development Authority and several other agencies apart from the pri-

vate sector."

Dr Ahmad Zahid said he would be monitoring the flood relief operations and decide on mobilising suitable aid agencies as well as Defence Ministry trucks if there was a need.

"Mobile kitchens will also be mobilised," he added.

He said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim will be fully responsible for coordinating aid during and after this second wave of floods.

During the meeting with Woodhouse, Dr Ahmad Zahid said both of them discussed cooperation on immigration matters, including people smuggling.

Woodhouse is on a two-day working visit to Malaysia. — Bernama



# GOVT PREPARED FOR 2ND WAVE OF FLOODS

Additional relief  
teams deployed to  
affected areas

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**T**HE government has raised its preparedness level in facing floods as the second wave is likely to be worse than last year.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said additional relief teams had been deployed to affected areas, especially in Johor and Pahang.

He said this was based on the rainfall distribution and rising water levels in both states.

"The second wave of floods last year was considered minimal, but this time, I think the situation is quite bad.

"This is based on the report by the **Meteorological Department** that strong winds and heavy rains are

expected to continue.

"According to the department, there will be several waves from January to March.

"This is a worrying situation as the second wave of floods has started to hit Johor and Pahang.

"The number of evacuees in flood-affected areas is expected to increase," Zahid said after receiving a courtesy call from New Zealand Immigration Minister Michael Woodhouse.

He said the National Disaster Management Agency and relevant relief agencies would continue to help flood victims.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim had been given the responsibility of coordinating aid during the floods.

In **Kota Baru**, authorities reported that the number of flood evacuees in Kelantan, who had been decreasing over the past few days, rose again yesterday as heavy rains hit the interiors of the state, in particular in Jeli and Gua Musang.

The number of evacuees, reported to be 137 in the morning, climbed to 593 at 5pm.

According to the state flood operation room, the highest number of victims were from Jeli (437 people).

In **Tumpat**, many people were still trapped by floodwaters, which had inundated several villages.

Most residents from villages, such as Kampung Bendang Pak Yong and parts of Kampung Simpangan were forced to use boats to reach the main road.

In **Kuantan**, Pahang Civil Defence Force director Zainal Yusoff said seven districts in Pahang had been flooded, resulting in 3,501 people being evacuated as at 6pm yesterday.

In **Gemas**, Negri Sembilan Fire and Rescue Department director Norazam Khamis said 186 residents of Taman Pinggiran Sungai Kelamah, Taman Sungai Gemas and Kampung Jeram Panjang had to be evacuated when floodwaters inundated their homes yesterday. **Additional reporting by Kalbana Perimbanayagam, Nor Ain Mohamed Radhi and Nur Aqidah Azizi**

*Page 1 pic: Firemen helping Woo Hoi Chee move his belongings in his house at Taman Sungai Gemas, Negri Sembilan, yesterday*



# Only Perlis to enjoy a dry CNY



**Swamped:** One of the badly affected houses at Kampung Gemereh in Segamat, Johor.

## Heavy rain expected in all the other states, says Met Dept

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**PETALING JAYA:** Perlis is the only state in the country that can look forward to sunshine for the Chinese New Year holidays while heavy rain is expected in other states.

According to the **Meteorological Department**, residents in Perlis can expect rainfall today and tomorrow.

But it is expected to stay dry for the first three days of the Lunar New Year. The Chinese New Year celebrations begin on Saturday.

A dry day is also expected on Monday, the third day of the Chinese New Year in Penang. Showers are expected in the afternoon in parts of the island.

The department said most parts of Sabah and Sarawak are likely to be rainy over the Chinese New Year weekend, with thunderstorms in the afternoons and showers in the evenings.

The wet spell is also likely to continue in coastal areas of Terengganu, Kelantan and Pahang.

Strong monsoon rains that have hit Negri Sembilan, Malacca and



**Critically high:** Heavy rain over the last two days caused the water level at Sungai Segamat to rise to a dangerous level.

Johor are likely to ease by the weekend.

However, thunderstorms are expected in parts of these three states over the next four days.

In Kedah, showers are expected in some areas in the afternoons and evenings for the same period, while thunderstorms in the afternoon are

expected in Perak, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur.

In Pahang, intermittent rain over the past 24 hours has caused many rivers to swell.

Residents near the low-lying Sungai Lembing are on alert after the water level rose between 0.6m and 0.9m.

In Jerantut, about 40 to 50 foreign tourists were left stranded in Kuala Tahan following heavy rains on Tuesday.

Some of them left due to the bad weather. However, others were stranded after the route from Kuala Tahan to Jerantut town was cut off.

"The tourists can still travel back to Jerantut by boat. But we advised them not to do so because the river current is very strong. Floating deadwood, rubbish and logs can also pose danger to the travelling boats," said Pahang Fire and Rescue Department Zone 2 chief Shahrin Yusmar Mat Yusof after meeting the tourists in Taman Negara here yesterday.

They are mainly from Germany, France and Holland.

The high-tide phenomenon is also expected in Kuantan, Pekan and Rompin and the people are advised against going out to sea.

Pahang Crisis Relief Squad Malaysia of MCA chief Datuk Chang Hong Seong said 150 personnel were ready to be deployed.

"Our focus will be on Sungai Lembing and Temerloh," he said.



KERATAN AKHBAR  
MALAY MAIL (TOP NEWS) : MUKA SURAT 1  
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# **ALERT: WET, MESSY CNY**

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**METEOROLOGICAL  
DEPARTMENT  
FORECASTS  
BAD WEATHER  
TILL MONDAY**

**AUTHORITIES  
DRAW UP PLANS  
TO ASSIST  
MOTORISTS ON  
WET ROADS.**

**OVER 9,000  
EVACUATED  
IN JOHOR AS  
FLOOD SITUATION  
WORSENS**

**SEE PAGES 2-4**



**SAMBUNGAN...**  
**MALAY MAIL (TOP NEWS) : MUKA SURAT 2**  
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## CAUTION: NASTY WEATHER AHEAD

### Weather forecast today

**KANGAR**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Rain  
Night : Rain

**ALOR STAR**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Rain  
Night : Rain

**GEORGE TOWN**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Rain  
Night : Rain

**IPOH**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Thunderstorms  
Night : Cloudy

**SHAH ALAM**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Thunderstorms  
Night : No rain

**KUALA LUMPUR**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Thunderstorms  
Night : No rain

**PUTRAJAYA**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Thunderstorms  
Night : No rain

**SEREMBAN**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Thunderstorms  
Night : No rain

**MALACCA**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Thunderstorms  
Night : No rain

**JOHOR BARU**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Thunderstorms  
Night : No rain

**KUANTAN**  
Morning : Rain  
Afternoon : Rain  
Night : Rain

**KUALA TERENGGANU**  
Morning : Rain  
Afternoon : Rain  
Night : Rain

**KOTA BARU**  
Morning : Rain  
Afternoon : Rain  
Night : Rain

**KUCHING**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Thunderstorms  
Night : No rain

**KOTA KINABALU**  
Morning : No rain  
Afternoon : Thunderstorms  
Night : Rain

Source: Meteorological Department of Malaysia

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**PETALING JAYA** — It is going to be a wet festive season over the weekend.

And the millions of motorists heading back to their hometowns ahead of the Chinese New Year festivities could face massive traffic congestions because of the chilly weather and floods.

Meteorological Department of Malaysia director-general Datuk Che Gayah Ismail said rain was expected until Monday with the northeastern winds blowing at speeds of up to 40km per hour in the peninsula and over Borneo.

"We saw rainfall in the morning in the east coast and some parts in Sarawak and Sabah," she said.

"Thunderstorms are forecast nationwide in the afternoons and there would be scattered rainfall in several areas in Perak, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Negri Sembilan, Malacca, Johor, Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Sabah and Sarawak."

The coastal areas of Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang and east Johor were also vulnerable to rising sea levels.

She advised the public to remain alert of their surroundings and visit the department's website at [www.met.gov.my](http://www.met.gov.my) for latest updates.

Highway operators are also expecting a surge in the number of vehicles, and the wet conditions could result in a massive crawl and more accidents.

PLUS Malaysia Bhd managing director Datuk Azman Ismail said the company adopted several plans to ensure traffic would be smooth, and that the highway operator would assist users along the North-South Expressway.

"We expect some 1.6 million vehicles to use the nation's main highways daily during the festive period with the numbers peaking tomorrow (Thursday) to Monday and on Feb 4 and 5. This is based on past years' trends," he said.

"We recommend motorists to

schedule their journey. Those heading to Perlis, Kedah, Penang, northern Perak and Johor from Kuala Lumpur should start their journey before noon while those heading nearby are advised to hit the highway after 2pm."

Among the strategies lined up to ease traffic are deploying 2,130 personnel at 1,130 toll lanes to speed up payment, deploying 1,500 maintenance personnel at rest and recreation stops, positioning tow trucks along certain locations and monitoring traffic from the air.

Because of the floods in Johor and the east coast, KTM Bhd disrupted service to their southern sector and along the Kuala Lipis-Gua Musang route.

Travel arrangements were made to ferry passengers by bus at certain destinations, the company said yesterday. For further clarification contact KTMB's call centre at 03-22671200 or visit [www.ktmb.com.my](http://www.ktmb.com.my).

Johor remains the worst hit state with 9,487 victims evacuated and housed in 77 temporary relief centres.

State health and environment committee chairman Datuk Ayub Rahmat said Segamat district recorded the highest number of victims with 7,113, and the second worst affected district was Kota Tinggi, with 986 victims.

The number of flood evacuees in Kelantan rose to 584. This forced the closure of 22 schools in the state.

In Perak, 655 people have been evacuated to 13 relief centres. The worst affected district is Manjung, where 454 people were moved out of their homes.

Nine schools were closed in Sarawak while several more shut in Sabah due to rising waters.

Sixteen schools were closed in Pahang due to flooded roads or being used as temporary relief centres.

The situation improved in Malacca as flood evacuees at the two evacuation centres in Jasin were allowed to return to their homes after the flood waters receded.





**SAMBUNGAN...**  
**MALAY MAIL (TOP NEWS) : MUKA SURAT 3**  
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## Do's and don'ts when driving in the rain

IT is crucial your vehicle is in top condition and has been inspected before you start your journey. It is equally important to ensure you adopt safe driving techniques when it rains. Here are some of the do's and don'ts when driving in bad weather.

### DO

- Use defensive driving techniques. Always buckle up, abide by road rules, and obey speed limits. Pay attention to places you can move to in case of sudden stops or reckless drivers.
- Turn on your lights and windshield wipers. Maximise your visibility so that other motorists will be able to see you.
- Reduce your speed as this will give your car's tyres more opportunity to get traction and allow better control.

### DON'T

- Follow too closely. Leave a safe distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. More space allows for more reaction time in case of sudden stops.
- Turn on your hazard lights. Only use your hazard lights when your car is stationary.
- Use cruise control. It is extremely dangerous to use cruise control while driving in rain. Turn this speed regulating device completely off and control your car manually.

1. Nizam Azmi, 29, removes his belongings after his house in Kampung Pengkalan Ara, Chenderong Balai, Perak, was hit by floods. — Picture by Farhan Najib

2. More vehicles are expected to hit the roads today as the balik kampung exodus begins ahead of the reunion dinner tomorrow. — Picture by Hari Anggara

**KERATAN AKHBAR**  
**MALAY MAIL (TOP NEWS) : MUKA SURAT 2**  
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## Govt prepared to help flood victims, says Zahid

**PUTRAJAYA** — The relevant government agencies are prepared for flood relief operations nationwide, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamid said yesterday.

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