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No inspections at construction sites without strong proof of radioactive readings: Mosti



KUALA LUMPUR: Inspections at construction sites will not be carried out until there is strong proof of elevated readings on radioactivity content in building materials.

Dr Mohd Ashhar Hj Khalid director-general **Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI)** in a statement, said studies conducted by the agency has not shown any elevated readings of radioactivity content in building materials higher than the normal background level.

"Mosti as a research agency has carried out various research and studies concerning radiation safety including radioactivity in construction materials in Malaysia from as early as 1990s.

"So far, the levels of the radioactivity in construction materials at site areas are still under control and there is no sign of radiation risk to the public.

"Due to this, there has been no call for inspection of construction sites," he said.

Nuclear and radiation experts yesterday had cautioned the public over potential hazards posed by naturally-occurring radioactive elements in construction materials.

Commonly found in materials naturally sourced from earth, uranium and thorium are Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) often found in bricks, cement blocks, granite, marble or glazed tiles used in the construction of homes.

The two elements (uranium and thorium) undergo a natural decaying process to form other harmful elements and emit several types of radiation, particularly alpha, beta or gamma rays.

Atomic Energy Licensing Board (AELB) director-general Hamrah Mohd Ali previously said a statement that excessive exposure to these rays could damage human tissue and cells, and cause health issues or death.

He said apart from the dangers of being exposed to lethal radiation, uranium and thorium also produced radon and thoron, which are also lethal gases.

With regards to building materials and radioactive gases released indoor at homes or offices, the results of the studies conducted by Mosti showed houses located on former tin mines areas contained low concentration of thorium.

"From studies conducted earlier, even the houses located at expected high risk areas such as tin mines, which may contain slightly higher concentration of thorium, had low reading levels of thorium.

"The reading levels are even below the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) and World Health Organization (WHO) recommended level," he added.

If concern arises with regards to radioactivity in any areas across the nation, Mosti advised the public to contact AELB so that further measures can be taken immediately.

WET NEW YEAR

DOWNPOURS CAUSE FLOODS IN 4 STATES

349 people forced to seek shelter in Rompin

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IT is turning out to be a wet new year for people in parts of Pahang, Kelantan, Terengganu and Johor, with several districts flooded following continuous downpours.

In Pahang, **Rompin** is the third district in the state to be affected by rising floodwaters after Kuantan and Jerantut.

Heavy rain since Friday has forced 349 people from 95 families to seek shelter at five flood relief centres in Rompin on Monday.

Pahang Civil Defence Force director Colonel Zainal Yusof said 148 people were seeking refuge at the Setajam multipurpose hall; 15 at the Telok Gading community hall; 50 at the Kampung Sepayang multipurpose hall; 94 at SMK Pontian Jaya; and 42 at the Kampung Pianggu community hall.

He said a road in Kampung Selendang was closed after it was submerged.

Here, 96 people were evacuated to four flood relief centres.

Thirty-six evacuees sought refuge at the Sri Damai public hall; 41 at Pandan 2 multipurpose hall; 12 at the district Drainage and Irrigation Department hall; and seven at the Kampung Paya Bungor community hall.

In **Jerantut**, Zainal said two vil-



A flooded area in Taman Negara, Kuala Tahan, yesterday. PIC BY NAZIRUL ROSELAN

lages were cut off after the access road was flooded about 11am on Monday following continuous rain since Sunday.

He said Kampung Teresek and Kampung Belebar were home to six families, respectively.

"The victims remained at their homes, and arrangements have been made to send food and other supplies to them."

He said continuous downpours in districts could result in an increase in the number of evacuees at flood relief centres.

In Kelantan, **Jeli** became the latest district in the state to be

hit by floods as nine people were evacuated to a relief centre on Monday.

According to the state's flood portal, nine victims from six families were evacuated to the relief centre at SK Kuala Balah after their homes were inundated on Monday. The remaining victims from Gua Musang were taking shelter at SK Limau Kasturi 2.

The water levels of four rivers in Kelantan have risen rapidly and breached the warning level.

In **Dungun**, at least 200 villagers were evacuated to two centres as Sungai Dungun swelled following heavy rain on Monday.

The first evacuation centre, a public hall at Kampung Pasir Raja, opened at 5.50pm on Monday and housed 69 people from 29 families.

A total of 136 people from 47



Panching state assemblyman Datuk Mohd Zaili Besar (fourth from left) and Pahang Rural and Regional Development Ministry director Datuk Mohd Aruwan Ab Aziz (second from left) handing out basic necessities to flood victims in Kuantan yesterday. PIC BY MOHD RAFI MAMAT

families were at a flood relief centre in Kampung Shukur.

The Civil Defence Force said the river had overflowed due to heavy rain in the interior.

According to forecasts by the **Meteorological Department**, the high tide phenomenon will last until today. **Additional reporting by Sharifah Mahsinah**



Colonel Zainal Yusof

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No school for some as floods force pupils home

JOHOR BARU: It was the first day of school but school was closed for many.

Heavy rains and floods forced the closure of schools in the state, Pahang and Sabah, and the students were sent home.

In **Kluang**, SK Punan, SK Ladang Mutiara and SK Seri Sedohok were affected, said state executive councillor Datuk Ayub Rahmat.

"SK Punan has been ordered shut on Monday and Tuesday (yesterday) and all teachers have been told to report to nearby SK Kahang instead.

"Roads leading to SK Ladang Mutiara and SK Seri Sedohok were also cut off due to floodwaters," he said in a statement here.

However, both SK Ladang Mutiara and SK Seri Sedohok are still in operation.

"A total of 17 teachers, seven of whom are staying in the teachers' hostel nearby, were able to report for duty at SK Ladang Mutiara and are conducting classes.

"Three teachers and two wardens were also able to report to work at SK Seri Sedohok," Ayub said, adding that some teachers got to the schools on motorcycles using plantation routes.

In **Pahang**, state education department deputy director Dr Tajuddin Mohd Yunus said



New transport mode: A resident of Kampung Sri Damai using his sampan to transport food supplies and pupils from school. The road leading to the village and surrounding area is covered by floodwaters. — Bernama

nine schools in Kuantan were affected along with one each in Pekan and Jerantut.

The schools that were cut off by floodwaters in Kuantan were SMK Sungai Lembing, SJK(C) Sungai Lembing, SK Nadak, SK Sungai Lembing, SK Sungai Mas, SJK(C) Panching, SJK(T) Kuala Reman, SK Panching and SK Bukit Kuin.

The other affected schools were SK Acheh in Pekan and SK Gintong in Jerantut. All the pupils were told to go home.

Dr Tajuddin said 46 schools in Kuantan district would be ready to serve as flood relief centres.

Heavy rain since Monday had caused at

least 1,043 victims from 308 families to seek shelter at 14 relief centres in the state as at 5pm yesterday. Eight centres were in Kuantan and the others in Rompin.

Indera Mahkota MCA Youth chief Quek Tai Seong said the party's Crisis Relief Squad had sent supplies to 11 families near Sungai Pinang in Kampung Padang here who refused to evacuate their homes.

Quek said the Village Security and Development Committee and the authorities would monitor the families' situation.

The Meteorological Department has forecast severe weather conditions in Pekan and Rompin until today.

In **Kota Kinabalu**, two schools — SK Kera-muak and SK Inarad Two — were closed in Telupid and close to 400 people evacuated.

The 286 pupils of the two schools were sent home.

While others were facing floodwaters, pupils of SK Bandar Baru Uda 2 in Johor started their second day of the new school term by watching firemen putting out a fire in their computer lab.

The room caught fire morning just when hundreds of pupils were about to enter their classrooms.

Schools in Kedah, Johor, Terengganu and Kelantan started their new term on Monday.

Heavy rainfall set to subside

MetMalaysia to downgrade alert level in Pahang and Johor

PETALING JAYA: The heavy rainfall in Pahang and Johor are expected to subside soon, prompting a downgrade from Red Alert to Orange Alert by the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia).

MetMalaysia director-general Alui Bahari said the weather had calmed down and heavy rainfall in these areas is only expected to last until today.

The Red Alert was earlier issued for Pekan and Rompin in Pahang and Mersing in Johor.

"Yesterday, we recorded more than 300mm in rainfall in some areas. But the wind patterns have now improved, so we are expecting lower rainfall.

"We forecast the weather in these areas would be fine after Wednesday," he said.

Red Alert signifies continuous heavy rain exceeding 240mm a day while Orange Alert indicates continuous heavy rain for more than six hours and rainfall of at least 60mm.

Yellow Alert means continuous heavy rain for not more than six hours with rainfall of at least 60mm.

Yellow alerts have been issued for Kemaman in Terengganu; Kuantan in Pahang; Segamat, Kluang and Kota Tinggi in Johor; Kudat, Sandakan, Penampang, Kota Kinabalu, Tuaran, Kota Belud and Ranau in Sabah.

The alerts have been stopped for Dungun in Terengganu; Maran, Bera, Jerantut, Temerloh and Bentong in Pahang; Tangkak, Muar and Batu Pahat in Johor; Jelebu, Jempol, Tampin, Kuala Pilah and Rembau in Negri Sembilan; and Melaka.

The notice was issued by MetMalaysia at 1.30pm yesterday.

Alui said no heavy rainfall or strong winds are expected to disrupt the festivities on Chinese New Year (Feb 16).

Meanwhile, a check on the Drainage and Irrigation Department's (DID) public information website showed that



You're very cute: Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah playing with baby Nur Isha Damia Mohd Radi. Looking on are his wife Tengku Puan Pahang Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah and the baby's mother, Siti Hijriah Mat Yunus. They were visiting a flood relief centre in Kampung Sri Damai, Kuantan. — Bernama

water levels at certain river stations in Pahang and Johor were still above danger levels.

In **Pahang**, Sungai Tembeling, Kuala Tahan; Sungai Belat, Sri Damai; and Sungai Lepar, Jambatan Gelugor; have exceeded the danger level at their respective measuring stations.

In **Johor**, Sungai Lenik in Ladang Chaah exceeded the danger level of 6m by 0.03m.

Sungai Dungun in Kuala Jengai, Terengganu,

also recorded water levels above the 21m mark by 0.64m.

Bernama reported that Kelantan DID expects floods to hit six districts in the state's river basin at 1am today.

The Kelantan DID director Kamal Mustapha named the districts as Gua Musang, Kuala Krai, Machang, Pasir Mas, Tanah Merah and Tumpat.



Cuaca Buruk Berterusan, Rakyat Johor Diminta Berwaspada



JOHOR BAHRU, 2 Jan (Bernama) -- Rakyat di Johor diminta berjaga-jaga dan berwaspada terhadap kemungkinan berlaku banjir berikutan cuaca buruk yang berterusan di negeri ini, ketika ini.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan, Alam Sekitar, Pendidikan dan Penerangan Johor Datuk Ayub Rahmat berkata negara ketika ini dilanda musim monsun yang hanya akan berakhir Mac ini.

Pada bila-bila masa sahaja hujan akan turun dengan lebat kerana tiupan angin dan sebagainya.

"Masyarakat perlu prihatin dengan sentiasa mengikuti pemberitahuan daripada **Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (Met Malaysia)** dan juga jabatan yang lain terhadap cuaca buruk yang berterusan ini," katanya kepada pemberita selepas majlis penyerahan projek 'Public-Private Research Network' (PPRN) di Politeknik Ibrahim Sultan, di sini hari ini.

Ayub berkata Johor membuat persediaan awal bagi menghadapi banjir sejak Oktober lepas selain simulasi latihan yang dijalankan anggota keselamatan negeri.

Beliau berkata daerah Mersing merupakan antara kawasan yang teruk terjejas akibat hujan lebat terutama di Pulau Aur, Pulau Sibul dan beberapa kawasan pesisir pantai.

"Air naik disebabkan hujan lebat selain berpunca daripada air pasang sejak Ahad lepas di daerah Mersing, namun, buat masa ini keadaan masih lagi terkawal," katanya.

Terdahulu pada majlis itu, sebuah mesin dispenser bahan automatik ciptaan tujuh penyelidik daripada Jabatan Kejuruteraan Mekanikal politeknik berkenaan yang bernilai RM50,000, diserahkan kepada Syarikat Madina Food Industries.

"Syabas kepada penyelidik yang juga tenaga pengajar kerana berjaya menunjukkan kepada masyarakat bahawa mereka juga berkemahiran, pakar dalam inovasi dan penyelidikan khusus untuk industri dan bukan hanya mendidik pelajar di politeknik ini," katanya.

-- BERNAMA

Bunuh diri angkara buli siber

➔ Bendung
segera
jenayah ancam
individu,
masyarakat

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Buli siber di negara ini berada pada tahap serius ketika ini dan masyarakat perlu bersedia menghadapi ancaman berkenaan, kata Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM), Datuk Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab.

Beliau berkata, jika tidak dibendung, ia akan menjadi ancaman kepada diri dan masyarakat kerana buli siber dikesan lebih bahaya berbanding buli secara fizikal, kerana ia boleh dilakukan sesiapa sahaja tanpa kawalan di internet.

"Mangsa tidak kenal individu yang membuli kerana *anonymity* disediakan melalui internet. Dengan 'penonton' yang ramai, kes membabitkan buli siber akan sentiasa berulang kerana bahan itu kekal di internet, sekali gus menyebabkan mangsa buli terus tertekan dan dalam sesetengah kes menimbulkan keinginan membunuh diri," katanya kepada BH.

Beliau berkata, jika kecederaan mangsa buli secara fizikal dapat dilihat dengan mata kasar, keadaan ini berbeza dengan mangsa buli siber

kerana mereka akan mengalami gangguan dari segi mental dan emosi.

Kesan buruk buli siber

"Keadaan ini akan menyebabkan banyak perkara boleh berlaku, termasuk perkara yang meragut nyawa. Jadi, sayangnya rakan dan jangan biarkan mereka menjadi pembuli atau mangsa buli siber," katanya.

Mengulas mengenai, Amirudin berkata, kebanyakan mangsa dan pemangsa buli siber terdiri daripada remaja dan belia, namun ada juga melebihi usia 40 tahun.

Berdasarkan statistik Pusat Bantuan Cyber999, beliau berkata, 51 kes membabitkan remaja berusia sehingga 18 tahun, 19 hingga 25 tahun (246), 26 hingga 40 tahun (314), 41 hingga 55 tahun (69) dan 56 tahun ke atas (6).

Katanya, ada peningkatan jumlah kes yang dilaporkan kepada Pusat Bantuan Cyber999 yang dikendalikan oleh CSM dan penguat kuasa undang-undang.

Pada suku ketiga tahun ini sahaja, katanya, sebanyak 228 kes dilaporkan kepada Pusat Bantuan Cyber999, manakala pada tahun 2016 (344), 2015 (319), 2014 (374), 2013 (410) dan 2012 (62). Jumlah keseluruhan dalam tempoh enam tahun ialah 1,737 kes.

Mengenai trend buli siber yang dikenal pasti CSM, Amirudin berkata, mereka mengesan kewujudan akaun palsu yang menggunakan gambar mangsa yang diedit untuk tujuan negatif.

"Bagi memalukan mangsa, pembuli siber menyebarkan gambar yang tidak sesuai atau gambar sensitif di laman sosial Instagram.

"Apabila akaun palsu ini dipadamkan oleh pihak tertentu seperti Facebook, pembuli siber tegar berulang kali membuat akaun palsu lain dengan tujuan mahu terus menyakitkan mangsa.

"Kaji selidik DiGi CyberSAFE menunjukkan 65 peratus pengguna internet mengaku menerima mesej lucah atau dimaki ketika bermain permainan dalam talian dan 25 peratus lagi menjadi mangsa gangguan seksual di media sosial," katanya.

Beliau berkata, aliran terkinin mendapati kegiatan menggunakan akaun mangsa wanita yang digodam untuk memeras ugut dan menipu wanita lain dan akibatnya mangsa takut untuk membuat laporan kerana sudah diugut.

"Ada pembuli menggunakan gambar profil wanita cantik dan seksi untuk memperdaya pengguna internet melakukan aksi seksual, seterusnya mengugut mangsa akan menyebarkan video yang dirakam. Mangsa kemudian diarah memin-dahkan sejumlah wang ke akaun pembuli.

"Mangsa lelaki juga tidak terkecuali iaitu mereka akan diugut supaya memindahkan sejumlah wang ke akaun tertentu bagi mengelak penyebaran perbualan mesej berbau seks sejenis.

"Pembuli siber menggunakan gambar lelaki yang menarik bagi mengumpan mangsa sejenis.

"CSM turut mengesan pembuli siber menggunakan gambar peribadi mangsa untuk membuat akaun kumpulan, sekali gus ahli kumpulan akan mengutuk dan memberikan respons negatif terhadap mangsa," katanya.

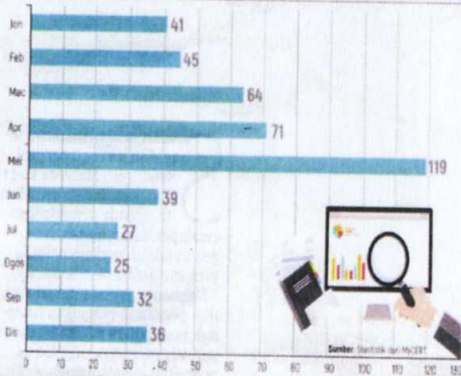
KES BULI SIBER MEMBABITKAN PERINGKAT UMUR

Umur	Kejadian
0-18	51
19-25	246
26-40	314
41-55	69
56 & keatas	6

STATISTIK BULI SIBER YANG DILAPORKAN KE PUSAT BANTUAN CYBER999

Tahun	Kes
2017 (sehingga suku ke-3)	228
2016	344
2015	319
2014	374
2013	410
2012	62
Jumlah	1,737

STATISTIK KES GANGGUAN SIBER BERDASARKAN KLASIFIKASI KEJADIAN UMUM 2017



Kes membabitkan buli siber juga akan sentiasa berulang"

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