

# Information bulletin

## Malaysia: Seasonal Flooding

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### The situation

The seasonal heavy continuous rains in the Malaysia since 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 have caused flooding in six states, namely, Johor, Kelantan, Pahang, Perak, Selangor and Sabah.

**Table 1 Number of affected people in Malaysia as of 8 AM, 27 January 2017**

States	Total Number of Families	Total Number of People
Kelantan	81	331
Perak	1,915	7,129
Pahang	10	41
Sabah	1,950	6,541
Johor	107	356
Selangor	81	331
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,207</b>	<b>14,903</b>

Source: Portal Bencana, National Disaster Management Authority (NADMA) Malaysia

4,207 families have been evacuated to evacuation centres. The worst hit states are Johor and Pahang where waters have rose up to 1.5 metres in certain areas. More rains are expected this weekend putting these states in risk over heavy flooding.

Johor state was the worst hit as three days of relentless rain in two of its districts, Segamat and Kota Tinggi. Anxious residents hoped they would not see a repeat of the severe state floods in 2006 and 2011 which affected 40,000 people. Segamat, situated in northern Johor which is 2.5 – hour away from the state capital, Johor Bharu, was the worst affected. More than two-thirds of the flood evacuees in Johor were in Segamat, and many of its roads were closed to light vehicles.

With the rains showing no sign of letting up, the welfare department assured residents that there would be enough supplies of canned and dried food items for affected victims even if the floods go on for weeks. Many people will face a bleak Chinese New Year especially in Pahang and Johor as flood waters are expected to rise with the continuous rain.

### Action by the authorities

National Agency for Disaster Administration (NADMA), the army, the police and other local government agencies have conducted evacuations, established emergency shelters, operationalized evacuation centres and continue to provide relief assistance to affected families. The authorities have deployed the Special

<sup>1</sup> Initial flooding occurred on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. The floods are recurring in most states throughout January.

Malaysia Disaster Assistance and Rescue (SMART) Team in the affected areas to carry out search and rescue operations in highly – inundated areas.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

MRC emergency response capacity for water search and rescue, welfare services, health and disaster relief are all activated both at the national headquarter and at state levels.



**Figure 1: Community affected by flood in Johor (Source: New Straits Times)**

Red Crescent members who has been trained in water rescue operations have been deployed in most of the affected areas to conduct rescue operations. Nine boats were deployed in Pahang and Johor to support NADMA in relocation and evacuation activities.

More than 200 MRC volunteers are currently available for deployment across all districts in the affected states in Pahang, Johor and Kelantan.

In Jerantut, Pahang, MRC will distribute 275 Hygiene Kits to evacuees while in Johor, MRC is planning to distribute 3000 Hygiene Kits with the support of IFRC. MRC in Johor will deploying a SAR team with boats to assist the authorities in evacuating flood victims.

More rains are expected this weekend which will worsen the situation particularly in low lying areas in Johor.

MRC will be sending team members from Kuala Lumpur and various branches in the states for a rapid assessment. MRC and IFRC will continue monitoring the situation in the coming days. More relief items will be needed in the coming days as MRC has exhausted their prepositioned items from the first rounds of floods last December. MRC will make a decision on DREF based on the situation in the coming days.

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**Save lives,**  
protect livelihoods,  
and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**  
and a culture of  
**non-violence** and **peace**.

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