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## MALAYSIA FLOODS HIT SEVEN STATES FORCING THOUSANDS TO EVACUATE

Seven states in Malaysia were hit by floods on Sunday and thousands of people were evacuated, taking the total affected by heavy rain in the past two weeks to more than 125,000, the National Disaster Management Agency said.

The agency said (1)\_\_\_ a statement that Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Johor, Malacca, Negeri Sembilan and Sabah were still affected (2)\_\_\_ floods, and 8,727 people were taking shelter at 128 relief centers.

A total of 125,490 people has been affected (3)\_\_\_ the floods nationwide, it said, of which 117,700 evacuees have returned home.

Floods are common (4)\_\_\_ the eastern coast of Malaysia during the annual monsoon season between October and March, but unusually heavy rainfall that started (5)\_\_\_ December 17 displaced thousands and strained emergency services.

Fifty people have died in the floods, and two remain missing, according to a police tweet citing Inspector-General Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani. After the first round of flooding two weeks ago, opposition lawmakers lambasted authorities (6)\_\_\_ the delay in response. "Help from the government never came for us," said one resident who had (7)\_\_\_ be rescued by friends after being trapped in her home for two days.

Following the meteorological department's warning (8)\_\_\_ continuous heavy rains, the National Disaster Control Centre has issued a disaster operation preparedness notice.

The Department of Irrigation and Drainage also issued a warning of high tides between January 2 to 5 and cautioned residents (9)\_\_\_ the west coast (10)\_\_\_ Peninsula Malaysia, the statement said.

Malaysia said it will provide 1.4 billion ringgit (\$336.22 million) in cash aid and other forms (11)\_\_\_ relief (12)\_\_\_ those hit (13)\_\_\_ severe flooding this month.

It is also seeking \$3 million from the UN Green Climate Fund (14)\_\_\_ develop a national plan to adapt to climate change. The plan will focus on areas such as water, agricultural, and food security, public health, forestry, and infrastructure, according (15)\_\_\_ Secretary-General Zaini Ujang.

The funds requested are paltry relative to the amount the country has pledged to spend on flood mitigation efforts, though experts say the plan's implementation would likely cost much more