

# Selangor all set to face possible flash floods

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**SHAH ALAM:** Measures have been taken to counter the possibility of flash floods which may occur in low-lying areas in Selangor over the weekend because of high tides and heavy rains.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohd Khir Toyo said among action taken to date was inspection of the flood mitigation mechanism.

"The Drainage and Irrigation Department was instructed to ensure all flood-gates and sluice gates are in good order," said Mohd Khir.

He added that district officers and municipal council presidents in flood prone areas had also been directed to ensure that warning systems were in place.

"The Shah Alam City Council has been instructed to send out patrol units to warn residents if there were insufficient sirens to reach everyone," said Mohd Khir.

He added that the riverbank near the flood-prone Kampung Kebun Bunga in Batu Tiga, Shah Alam, had also been

strengthened.

Water retention ponds had also been built in Taman TTDI Jaya, another flood prone area, he said.

On Tuesday, principal assistant press secretary of the Selangor government's press secretariat Farush Khan Akbar Khan had issued a press statement saying that low-lying areas in Selangor might be hit by flash floods this weekend due to high tides and heavy rainfall.

Dr Mohd Khir said following last year's experience, high tides were expected to occur from tomorrow till Tuesday.

Coupled with rain, he said, there was a possibility of flash floods.

On another matter, Dr Mohd Khir clarified that pest control companies were not required to register with the Finance Ministry to be included in the Subang Jaya Municipal Council pest control panel as the council had said earlier.

He said they were only required to register with the Agriculture and Agro-Based Industries Ministry's Pesticide Board to get their licence.