

Malaysia recorded drop in flood losses

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia's flood-related losses in 2025 dropped to RM636.9 million compared to RM933.4 million in 2024, equivalent to 0.03 per cent of the nominal Gross Domestic Product, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM).

In a statement following the Special Report on Impact of Floods in Malaysia 2025 released yesterday, Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said public assets and infrastructure accounted for the highest losses, rising to RM380.2 million (2024: RM303.4 million).

This was followed by living quarters, which declined to RM183.8 million (2024: RM372.2 million).

"The agriculture sector's losses also declined to RM52.6 million (2024: RM185.2 million), while business premises recorded RM13.4 million (2024: RM54.1 million) in losses," he said.

Mohd Uzir said vehicle damages amounted to RM6.8 million (2024: RM17.3 million) and the manufacturing sector recorded the lowest impact at RM0.1 million (2024: RM1.2 million).

"For living quarters, the highest losses were in Sarawak at RM32.6 million, followed by Sabah (RM27.7 million) and Johor (RM26.2 million)," he said, while adding that losses to business premises were relatively higher in Sarawak at RM2.7 million, also followed by Johor (RM2.1 million) and Sabah (RM1.8 million).

Meanwhile, based on the case studies carried out by DOSM, Mohd Uzir noted that more than 51.2 per cent of flood victims adopted proactive measures by maintaining reserves of daily necessities to ensure their survival during emergency situations.

"Additionally, 5.5 per cent of victims had insurance coverage as a form of financial protection against potential damage or losses. However, 22.5 per cent of victims made no prior preparations, which may increase their vulnerability during and after the flood," he shared.

Mohd Uzir revealed the study also found that damages to furniture accounted for 42.8 per cent of the total losses incurred. Other household items represented 29.4 per cent of the recorded damage, while electrical appliances such as washing machines, refrigerators, and televisions contributed 27.8 per cent. – BERNAMA