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Public assets, housing, vehicles make up top 3 of highest damage, says DOSM report

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THE floods that hit the country at the end of last year and early this year have resulted in losses amounting to RM6.1 billion, equivalent to 0.4 per cent of the country's nominal gross domestic product, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM).

DOSM director-general Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said based on the "2021 Special Report on Impact of Floods" in Malaysia, which was released yesterday, public assets and infrastructure suffered the highest loss of RM2.0 billion, followed by housing (RM1.6 billion) and vehicles (RM1.0 billion).

Meanwhile, he said the manufacturing sector suffered a loss of RM0.9 billion, followed by business premises (RM500 million) and agriculture (RM90.6 million).

The report, which presented the impact of floods, case studies around the Klang Valley and socio-economic statistics at the district level, was obtained based on a special survey to assess the impact of floods conducted from Dec 30 until Jan 27.

DOSM conducted face-to-face censuses in the affected areas using questionnaires, observation methods and telephone calls, in addition to administrative data obtained from various agencies.

The affected states were Johor, Kelantan, Melaka, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Selangor, Terengganu, Sabah, Sarawak and Kuala Lumpur.

Based on the report, Selangor recorded the highest losses in the residential, manufacturing, vehicles and business premises categories. Under the residential category, Uzir said Selangor also stood out with a loss of RM1 billion, followed by Pahang (RM425.6 million) and Melaka (RM69.7 million).

"The district that recorded the highest loss in Selangor in the residential category was Petaling (RM258 million), followed by Hu-

lu Langat (RM253.6 million) and Klang (RM252.8 million)," he said.

For vehicles, the three states posting the highest losses were Selangor at RM855 million, Pahang (RM78.2 million) and Negri Sembilan (RM18.3 million).

"In Selangor, Petaling district recorded the highest loss relating to vehicle damage amounting to RM328.3 million, followed by Klang (RM276.9 million) and Hulu Langat (RM155.5 million)."

Uzir said for the manufacturing sector, Selangor recorded a total loss of RM884.5 million, followed by Pahang (RM5.6 million) and Negri Sembilan (RM1.2 million).

"Selangor also recorded losses of business premises amounting to RM396.4 million. Pahang was the second highest state that lost RM83.8 million, followed by Johor which lost RM13.8 million."

He said other studies that had been carried out by DOSM in flood-hit states were included in the report to help consumers understand the adverse impact that the floods had brought to the nation. **Bernama**



Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin



A flooded residential area in Taman Sri Muda, Shah Alam, Selangor, last month. The state recorded the highest losses in residential, manufacturing, vehicles and business premises due to the floods. FILE PIC