

Communication system for flood warnings in need of improvement

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KUALA LUMPUR (Dec 31): The communication system for flood warnings needs to be improved to ensure information is channeled more efficiently and comprehensively.

Environment and Water Ministry (KASA) secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Zaini Ujang said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob emphasised the matter during his visit to the National Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (PRABN) on Friday (Dec 31, 2021).

He said the prime minister wanted the warning delivery system to be more comprehensive and not be restricted to short message service (SMS) texts, so that Malaysians can be aware of the real situation of floods in their area.

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"The prime minister asked the ministry to improve the delivery system and not restrict it to just SMS texts but also videos and real-time so that Malaysians could be more aware of real flood situations.

"Currently, we receive SMSes but there are those who are complacent. So this method will be improved, so that Malaysians will be more conscious about what is really happening and make immediate preparations," he said during a media conference at PRABN on Friday.

Therefore, Zaini said that partnerships with the Communications and Multimedia Ministry, including the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, will be held to realise the matter.