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THE prime minister instructs agencies to step up preparations for another monsoon surge, forecast to begin on Sunday.

- RM35.8m from private companies, RM12.5m from PM's Department for flood victims
- Number of evacuees continues to fall as floodwaters recede

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar (front row, second from left) and Public Service Department director-general Tan Sri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz (front row, second from right) at the Ihsan Madani Fundraising Event in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

IHSAN MADANI FUNDRAISING EVENT

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23 companies join hands in providing aid to people hit by deluge

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THE government has received RM35.8 million in donations from 23 private companies and corporate bodies to assist flood victims.

This is in line with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's call for private firms to join hands in providing aid to the victims.

Speaking at the Ihsan Madani Fundraising Event at Kompleks Seri Perdana here yesterday, Anwar announced that all funds donated to the government would be coordinated by the Implementation Coordination Unit (ICU) of the Prime Minister's Department.

"I have asked the ICU to list the

infrastructure needs in addition to what the government has allocated," he said.

Donations were received from YTL Corp Bhd and Yayasan Al-bukhary, each contributing RM5 million. Sapura Secured Technologies and U Mobile Sdn Bhd each gave RM3 million. Mah Sing Group Bhd, WCT Bhd, IJM Corp Bhd, Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd, Berjaya Corp Bhd and Press Metal Bhd each contributed RM2 million.

Additionally, Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Roadcare (M) Sdn Bhd, Sunway Bhd, Malaysia Resources Corp Bhd, and The Weststar Group each contributed RM1 million.

Fortress Mining Sdn Bhd, Selia Selenggara Selatan Sdn Bhd, Johawaki Holdings Sdn Bhd and Datuk Lawrence Lim Swee Lin each contributed RM500,000.

Donations were also made by Newsfields Land Sdn Bhd (RM250,000), AHAM Asset Management Bhd (RM250,000), the Association of Malay Vehicle Importers and Traders of Malaysia (RM200,000), and YHA Travel & Tours (M) Sdn Bhd (RM100,000).

Anwar said the funds received would be used to repair infrastructure damaged by the floods. This includes repairing school buildings that are used as temporary evacuation centres.

Anwar said the donations would also be used to repair school floors and toilets that were damaged by floods, as well as to cover the costs of food, drinks and school uniforms.

In coordinating the aid, he suggested better coordination between the government and other organisations to ensure that the assistance reached those who truly need it.

He stressed the importance of using the aid as effectively as possible.

"It is better to channel the aid, not necessarily through government departments, but also through non-governmental organisations that are truly realistic. Our machinery on the ground knows. If we go ourselves, those who have already received aid (previously) will get help again.

"That is why we need to coordinate more efficiently," he said.



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