

Access to Orang Asli village cut off

GUA MUSANG: Over 300 Orang Asli in Kampung Aring 5 here are cut off from other areas after the Sungai Aring bridge was submerged by the swollen river following continuous heavy rain.

The bridge is under more than three metres of river water and impassable to all vehicles.

Kampung Aring 5 Orang Asli community management council chairman Asrul Hussin, 31, said the river started flooding the bridge around 6pm on Sunday but at that time it was still passable to all vehicles, including motorcycles.

“But with the continuous downpour, the river water continued to rise and overflowed, and the bridge became impassable to all vehicles from 8pm.

“The bridge is still submerged and there is no sign of the floodwater subsiding while it is still raining.

“The villagers’ houses are not affected but they are prepared to evacuate if the situation worsens,” he added.

Kampung Aring 5 headman Raina Anjang said the Kelantan Orang Asli Development Department (Jakoa) had been informed of the incident, adding that it was ready to send foodstuff to the villagers. — Bernama