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Mana jambatan kami, sampai kini tak nampak bayang?

PONTIAN – Penduduk mengeluh apabila pembinaan jambatan baharu menyeberangi Sungai Pontian Kecil, di sini bernilai RM5 juta yang mula dibina sejak 2009 masih belum nampak bayangnya meskipun sudah memasuki tahun 2024 kelmarin.

Walaupun Majlis Daerah Pontian (MDP) telah dinaik taraf kepada Majlis Perbandaran Pontian pada 2021 tetapi jambatan itu masih gagal disiapkan.

Seorang penduduk, Jalaluddin Mohd. Said, 67, berkata, situasi itu boleh diibaratkan seperti seorang bayi yang lahir pada 2009, kini telah telah berusia 15 tahun dan berada di tingkatan tiga.

"Walaupun pembinaan jambatan sepanjang hanya 1.5 kilometer dari bandar Pontian Kecil ke Pusat Perdagangan Pontian (PPP) tetapi pelbagai masalah timbul.

"Sebagai timbal balik pengosongan jeti nelayan Sungai Pontian Kecil, kerajaan telah

membina jeti pendaratan ikan yang baharu oleh Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan (LKIM) di PPP dengan harga RM2 juta," katanya ketika ditemui di sini semalam.

Projek tersebut yang sepatutnya siap pada 2011 menghadapi pelbagai masalah termasuk penempatan penduduk di sepanjang Sungai Pontian Kecil selain pemilik bot yang enggan berpindah.

Seorang lagi penduduk, Ungku Abd. Rahman Ungku Mohd. Jaffar, 58, berkata, projek itu berdepan pelbagai masalah dan kerenah sesetengah pihak walaupun kerajaan mengambil sikap berlembut dan bertolak ansur.

"Alangkah baiknya jika jambatan ini siap lebih awal, tiadalah berlaku kesesakan ketika musim perayaan daripada Bandar Pontian ke persimpangan lampu isyarat di PPP," ujarnya.

Tambahnya, tempoh 15 tahun itu adalah merupakan satu tempoh yang lama.



JALALUDDIN menunjukkan kedudukan jambatan kedua menyeberangi Sungai Pontian Kecil di Pontian yang tertangguh selama 15 tahun. – MUHAMMAD ZIKRI

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Some 4,900ha of farm land hit by floods

PUTRAJAYA: Floods have affected a total of 4,894ha of agricultural land and 2,269 farmers, resulting in losses estimated at about RM23 million, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

"Among the severely affected agricultural areas are those in Kelantan," he said yesterday, after chairing a briefing on the latest flood situation.

The Central Disaster Management

Committee chairman said 51 health facilities were also affected, with 23 in Kelantan, 17 in Pahang and 11 in Terengganu, Bernama reported.

Ahmad Zahid said since the start of the northeast monsoon in early

November, 62,467 people and 19,204 homes were affected in several states.

He expressed hope that district offices in flood-hit areas would distribute aid fairly to all those affected.

The rural and regional development minister said the National Disaster Management Agency is on high alert to face floods expected in Sabah and Sarawak between February and March.

RM22.8 MILLION IN DAMAGE

MONSOON TAKES TOLL ON 2,269 FARMERS

Agricultural areas in Kelantan most severely affected, says Zahid

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THE northeast monsoon has wreaked havoc on 4,893.73ha of agricultural land, causing an estimated damage of RM22.8 million affecting 2,269 farmers nationwide.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said agricultural areas in Kelantan were most severely affected.

On Dec 8, Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu had said the floods did not impact the country's food supply.

He said because the floods in Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang were of a smaller scale, the flood losses this year was likely to be less than last year.

Zahid, who is also National Disaster Management Agency's (Nadma) Central Disaster Management Committee chairman, had requested for expedited acquisition of additional hydraulic pumps to address the flood issues, especially in the east coast.

"The request dates back to March last year, and despite receiving reports on the pumps, they have not been delivered due to procurement procedures.

"I have requested that, given the current critical situation, measures be taken to expedite the process," he told reporters yesterday.

In other developments, Zahid said the government, through Nadma, was prepared to face the flood phenomenon expected in Sabah and Sarawak from February to March.

"Our preparedness is consistently maintained, with coordination occurring not only at the national level but also at the state and district levels.

"Recent coordination efforts by Nadma, the Civil Defence Force, district agencies and state agencies were swift.



A farmer looking at his farm inundated by floodwaters in Rantau Panjang in November. FILE PIC