Wet, wet warning for the west coast

PETALING JAYA: The west coast states of peninsular Malaysia, including the interior areas of Pahang and Kelantan, are expected to experience thunderstorms and heavy rains over the next few days, said the Meteorological Department.

The department said the warning would be issued via its website at www.met.gov.my.

"The broadcast will also be done through national television and information sent to disaster management agencies of the affected states," said the department.

It issued an orange stage thunderstorm and heavy rain warning yesterday to alert residents in Selangor about severe weather conditions.

Other areas affected were Port Dickson, Seremban and Rembau districts in Negri Sembilan, Kuantan, Dungun and Marang districts in Terengganu.

The condition is also expected to cause strong winds and flash floods.

There is also a possibility of sustained wind speeds of 50-60kph accompanied by moderate to heavy rain, which could cause floods in low-lying areas and areas by the river banks. Thatched or zinc roofs could also be blown off by the wind.

"We advise residents who live in low-lying areas or places where floods and landslides can easily happen to be extra cautious during this wet season," the department said in a statement yesterday.