



Dad drowns, son missing in Pahang floods

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The floods in Pahang have claimed their first victim, with a forestry officer dead and his son still missing. (Bernama pic)

KUANTAN: The floods in Pahang claimed its first victim when a staff member of the Jerantut District Forestry Department Office drowned, while his son went missing when wading through floodwaters in Kampung Gintong, about 100km from here last night.

Jerantut Police chief Mazlan Hassan said the body of the victim, Zulkarnain Hitam, 58, was found at 10.30pm, after he was swept away by a strong current while walking home with his three sons. He had earlier removed their family car to higher ground.

One of his sons, Ukai Iskandar, 23, a student of Universiti Malaysia Pahang in Gambang here, was also swept away and has yet to be found.

“All of them were believed to have walked home from Kampung Gintong to Taman Perdana, about two kilometres from where they left their car,” he said.

Mazlan said the other two sons, aged 13 and 15, were saved by the villagers.

The search for Ukai Iskandar, which began at 11pm yesterday, had to be temporarily stopped at 3am today due to bad weather.

Mazlan also advised the public to be vigilant with the development of floods and always follow the instructions of the authorities throughout the flood season to avoid untoward incidents.