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## Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Orange Alert

### Orange alert in Kottayam, Idukki and Alappuzha

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WITH no respite in rain, the monsoon-related havoc is continuing in Kottayam district, with the low-lying areas, especially the western parts, still under water. Meanwhile, the first monsoon-related death was reported in the district. One person died in Ayarkkunnam after falling into a flooded paddy field. The deceased is Prasad, 45, hailing from Ayarkkunnam.

With the Meteorological Department predicting heavy downpour till June 18, the state government has declared orange alert in Kottayam, Idukki and Alappuzha and issued strict warning to people stepping out at night in the flood-hit areas as well as areas prone to landslides.

#### 1,000 HOUSES UNDER WATER IN ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT

Alappuzha: The Revenue Department has opened relief camps and gruel centres in seven villages in the taluk. Over 1,000 houses are under water and the people were shifted to relief camps. According to Kuttanad tahsildar, Antony Scaria, the department has made arrangements to open relief camps in seven villages in Kuttanad. "In addition, gruel centres will be set up in more areas in the coming days. The water level in the Lower Kuttanad area has been increasing. So more people need to be evacuated," he said. The traffic was partially affected on the Alappuzha-Changanassery road.

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As many as 30 families in Attumali near Nagampadom in Kottayam municipal limits got isolated after the area was inundated.

3 more relief camps were opened in Kottayam and the number of people, who were shifted to relief camps have been increased to 406 (126 families).