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# Anti-dengue boost

## > Local firm develops super larvicide

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** A RM5.865 million grant from the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry has made it possible for a Malaysian company to develop a highly effective product to kill mosquito larvae.

EntoGenex Industries Sdn Bhd executive chairman Tunku Naquiyuddin Tuanku Ja'afar said the product was 200 times more effective in killing mosquito larvae compared to other larvicide.

The product named "Mousticide" comes in two forms - rice husks and powder.

He told a press conference yesterday that the rice husk larvicide will be available to the

public at RM19.90 while the powder formulation is for pest control companies.

"We have spent more than RM317 million on research and development since 1989."

He said the Trypsin Modulating Oostatic Factor (TMOF) in the product stops digestion in mosquito larvae and causes metabolic starvation and larval death.

"TMOF is non-toxic to all other organisms, including humans. It is also bio-degradable."

He said that tests in dengue

hotspots in Setapak and Gombak, and in other countries such as Ghana and the Philippines had resulted in a significant decrease of mosquito-related diseases.

He said if the product was widely used nationwide it would be possible to reduce the incidence of dengue by 90% in two years.

He said that EntoGenex is working with the ministry on a tool kit to fight dengue. "Upon its success in Malaysia, this tool kit will be introduced to other countries."

He said the company has also submitted its findings to the Health Ministry.



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## Haze returning to Klang Valley

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The haze is slowly but surely coming back, with some areas in the Klang Valley showing Air Pollutant Index readings (API) ranging from moderate to unhealthy.

Most of the API readings displayed at the Department of Environment showed air quality rising from moderate to unhealthy levels.

As of 3pm yesterday, Batu Muda recorded an unhealthy API reading of 126 while other areas in the Klang Valley and nationwide recorded good and moderate readings.

API readings in hot spots like Shah Alam recorded 88, Port Klang (86), Cheras (80), Banting (71), Kuala Selangor (79), Petaling

Jaya (76) and Putrajaya (70).

Other locations classified as moderate were Nilai (61), Kampung Air Putih, Taiping (60), SK Jalan Pegoh, Ipoh (60), Port Dickson (59), Tanjung Malim (57), Bakar Arang (Sungai Petani) (56), Bintulu (55), Kemaman (55), Seremban (54), Balok Baru, Pahang (54) and Jerantut (54).

Malaysian Meteorological Department commercial and corporate services director Dr Mohd Hisham Mohd Anip said the haze yesterday was a result of local activities, such as smoke from vehicles and factories, and local burning.



## Moderate air quality in Klang Valley

**KUALA LUMPUR** — Several areas in the Klang Valley recorded moderate air quality yesterday.

Moderate Air Pollutant Index (API) readings were recorded in Port Klang (85), Shah Alam (81), Kuala Selangor (78), Banting (74), Petaling Jaya (70), and Cheras (63). Batu Muda, however, recorded a reading of 126.

An API of between 51 to 100 is considered moderate, 101-200 unhealthy, 201-300 very unhealthy, and readings above 301 are considered hazardous.

A spokesman from the **Meteorological Department** said the lack of wind in the areas caused emission from vehicles and smoke from open burning sites to remain stagnant.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri G. Palanivel had said last week the haze situation was under control.

He said open burning in Sumatra was the main cause of the haze.

Palanivel also said he would visit Indonesia in August or September to discuss matters related to the open burning.



## Angin Kencang, Laut Bergelora Berterusan Hingga Ahad

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Julai (Bernama) -- [Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia](#) mengeluarkan amaran angin kencang dan laut bergelora (kategori kedua) di kawasan perairan Perlis, Kedah, Pulau Pinang, Sarawak (Miri), Sabah (Kudat dan Pantai Barat) dan Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan.

Angin Barat Daya selaju 40-50 kmsj dengan ombak mencapai ketinggian sehingga 3.5 meter dijangka berterusan sehingga 13 Julai, menurut kenyataan jabatan itu hari ini.

Keadaan angin kencang dan laut bergelora adalah berbahaya kepada bot-bot kecil, aktiviti rekreasi laut dan sukan laut.

Bagi perkapalan, angin kencang Timur Laut dengan kelajuan 50-60 kmsj dan ombak mencapai ketinggian sehingga 4.5 meter berlaku di kawasan perairan Phuket, Condore, Layang-layang, Reef North dan Palawan juga dijangka berterusan sehingga 13 Julai.

Keadaan angin kencang dan laut bergelora itu adalah berbahaya kepada semua aktiviti perkapalan dan pantai termasuk menangkap ikan dan perkhidmatan feri.

Selain itu, angin kencang Barat Daya dengan kelajuan 40-50 kmsj dengan ombak mencapai ketinggian sehingga 3.5 meter di kawasan perairan Samui, Labuan, Selat Melaka (Utara) dan Sulu juga dijangka berterusan sehingga 13 Julai.

Pada masa yang sama, keadaan angin kencang dan laut bergelora ini adalah berbahaya kepada bot-bot kecil, aktiviti rekreasi laut dan sukan laut.

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