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HARIAN METRO (SETEMPAT): MUKA SURAT 17  
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## Cuaca kering hingga Oktober

**Kuala Lumpur:** Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (JMM) meramalkan akan berlaku perubahan cuaca yang beransur kering dalam tempoh beberapa bulan lagi kerana pertambahan angin barat daya yang akan menjadikan atmosfera kering.

Timbalan Ketua Pengarah (Strategi dan Teknikal) JMM, Dr Mohd Rosaidi Che Abas berkata, walaupun hujan lebat di beberapa kawasan sejak awal puasa lalu tetapi

sebenarnya taburan dan tempoh hujan makin berkurangan.

"Kita jangkakan bermula esok (hari ini) sehingga 7 Julai cuaca menjadi kering dengan suhu mencecah 38 darjah selsius," katanya ketika dihubungi semalam.

Tambah beliau lagi, walau hanya dijangka sehingga Isnin ini namun negara akan terus berdepan dengan cuaca berkenaan sehingga Oktober nanti.

Katanya, keadaan cuaca itu juga berkemungkinan akan memberi kesan ke atas paras air empangan.

"Pada amnya jumlah taburan hujan makin berkurangan sejak Mei lalu dan ia akan berpanjangan sehingga September ini.

"Tetapi JMM sudah bersedia sekiranya terdapat usaha mahu melakukan pembenihan awam bagi meningkatkan takungan air empangan," katanya.

# Cuaca boleh pengaruhi empangan

Musim panas yang melanda boleh mempengaruhi penyusutan takungan air

**JABATAN** Meteorologi Malaysia menjangkakan keadaan cuaca panas boleh mempengaruhi penyusutan air empangan dan tadahan di Selangor.

Pegawai Khidmat Korporat dan Komersialnya, Sinuarovina Urban berkata, ini terjadi kerana negara kita masih berada di fasa aktif Monsun Barat Daya yang suhunya lebih panas dan kering sehingga awal

September.

"Setakat ini, suhu maksima di sekitar Selangor dicatatkan sekitar 36 darjah Celsius.

"Ini kita peroleh berdasarkan imej satelit yang dirakamkan semalam," katanya dalam satu kenyataan kepada *Sinar Harian* di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata, taburan hujan mulai minggu depan semakin ber-

kurangan berbanding sebelum ini.

"Berdasarkan direkodkan yang dicatatkan di tiga stesen Meteorologi utama di Selangor bagi Jun, taburan hujan di kawasan Subang mencatatkan 25.4 milimeter (mm), Sepang (89.4mm) dan Petaling Jaya (36.6mm).

"Namun, jumlah hujan untuk Subang dan Petaling Jaya adalah di-

bawah paras normal," katanya.

Sinuarovina bagaimanapun memberitahu, hujan yang berlaku di Selangor sejak beberapa hari lalu tidak lebat dan tidak menyeluruh.

Katanya, pihaknya juga tidak dapat memastikan sama ada hujan telah turun ke kawasan tadahan memandangkan tiada stesen pencerpapan di kawasan berkenaan.

"Sekiranya terdapat hujan di kawasan tadahan air berdekatan empangan kemungkinan paras air boleh bertambah.

"Setakat ini jabatannya menjalankan operasi pembenihan awam di kawasan empangan dan tadahan di Selangor sahaja bersama Lembaga Saluran Air Selangor (Luas)," katanya.

## Don't take El Nino phenomenon lightly

MALAYSIANS are now facing extremely hot weather and this could get worse with the impending El Nino phenomenon.

The El Nino phenomenon refers to the prolonged warming of surface temperatures over the eastern Pacific Ocean for six months every two to seven years.

According to the Malaysian Meteorological Society, the effects of the El Nino phenomenon will start to be felt in peninsular Malaysia at the end of this year or early next year.

This phenomenon should not be taken lightly as it will have an

impact on human lives, climate and socio-economic issues.

In Shah Alam, students from different institutions of learning such as Universiti Teknologi Mara, Management and Science University and Universiti Industri Selangor are falling sick from dehydration due to the weather.

The public especially those who travel every day should take measures to keep themselves hydrated.

Open burning (*pic*) should be avoided because the smoke from the burning will make the weather worse.

We also have to reduce outdoor activities as much as possible until the problem is over.

The public should be careful when using water.

Drink plenty of water to remain hydrated at all times. Drinking eight glasses of water a day would

be good.

I hope everyone is aware of the phenomenon and will take extra precautions to keep themselves safe and healthy.

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## Lynas to relocate head office from Sydney to KL

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**KUANTAN:** Australian rare earth mining company Lynas Corporation Ltd will relocate its head office from Sydney to Kuala Lumpur in order to streamline its operations and improve organisational efficiency.

The company said in a statement that its structure would be simplified by co-locating management personnel and resources with production and sales facilities both in

Western Australia (Perth) and Malaysia.

However, Lynas Corp would remain listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

"This streamlining of office locations is the first in a series of initiatives aimed at simplifying our approach and focusing on the highest value drivers in our business," said its newly-appointed chief executive officer Amanda Lacaze, who added that a review with her team had identified opportunities

to improve cost, production and financial performance.

Besides the head office relocation, Lynas would also cut down its workforce mostly by reducing contractor positions as well as improving asset utilisation, renegotiating supplier contracts and seeking improvements in procurement practices.

It added that the company was focusing on ramping up production at the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP) in Gebeng here, which

it said had encountered further bottlenecks over the past quarter, though these constraints have been managed.

"We are pleased to report that demand for rare earth oxide (REO) products remains buoyant and that the company has achieved further increases in production and sales of REO products during the June 2014 quarter.

"We are now working on delivering the optimal balance of volume, finished product quality and REO

yield – the volume of rare earths recovered through our process from mining to finished product," said Lacaze.

LAMP continued to draw protests from anti-Lynas groups that claimed Lynas had not fulfilled the various terms under its temporary operating license.

The recent protest in front of the plant by Himpunan Hijau saw 16 people arrested after they refused to abide by the police order to disperse.

