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MINGGUAN MALAYSIA (TRAGEDI KREN TUMBANG DI MASJIDILHARAM)
MUKA SURAT 03
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Pegawai kanan Mosti mangsa tragedi kren di Mekah

PUTRAJAYA 12 Sept.
- Kementerian Sains,
Teknologi dan Inovasi
memaklumkan salah
seorang mangsa yang
terlibat dalam tragedi
kren tumbang di
Masjidilharam, Mekah
merupakan Timbalan
Setiausaha Bahagian
(Industri) kementerian
tersebut.

Menterinya, Datuk
Madius Tangau berkata,
mangsa, Dr. Mohd. Nor
Azman Hassan, 44,
kini sedang dirawat
di Hospital Raja Faisal
kerana mengalami patah
tulang bahu dalam tragedi
tersebut.

"Susulan kejadian
itu, keluarga Mohd. Nor
Azman telah dihubungi
oleh pihak Tabung Haji
tentang perkara ini.

"Saya berdoa agar
beliau dan semua jemaah
dari Malaysia yang
terlibat cepat sembuh
dari segi fizikal dan
psikologi seterusnya
dapat meneruskan ibadah
haji," katanya dalam satu
kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Cloud seeding to commence if API remains high

KUCHING: A cloud seeding operation will be launched if the Air Pollutant Index (API) remains at an unhealthy level (101 and above) for the next 72 hours.

Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology Datuk Madius Tangau said the move was in line with the Permanent Operation Regulation of the National Haze Action Plan.

“The Meteorological Department of Malaysia (MetMalaysia) will work closely with the Malaysian Air Force to prepare for the cloud seeding operation,” he said in a media statement yesterday.

Madius pointed out that Malaysia would continue to see dry weather until the end of the month once the southwest monsoon concludes.

He said the south-westerly winds were expected to bring ‘smoke’ from Sumatra and Kalimantan where fires still took place. Based on the satellite data on Friday, he said Sumatra alone registered as many as 304 hotspots, while Kalimantan and Peninsular Malaysia had 25 and one, respectively.

He also admitted that the increasing hotspots in both Sumatra and Kalimantan had led to more severe hazy situations in not just Sarawak but also a couple of other states in Peninsular Malaysia.

“MetMalaysia has issued low visibility warnings to several waters throughout the country. Ships without navigational equipment are advised to be cautious in the waters mentioned.”

The advisory on the department’s official portal reads: “Low horizontal visibility below 5km over the waters off Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Malacca, Johore, Pahang, Sarawak (Kuching, Rajang, Mukah, Bintulu and Miri), Labuan FT and Sabah (Interior, West Coast and Kudat) are expected to continue until Monday, Sept 14, 2015.”

It went on to warn that “Strong south-westerly winds of 40-50km/h with waves up to 3.5m high are expected to occur over the waters off Condore, Reef North, Layang-layang and Palawan from Monday, Sept 14 2015 until Thursday, Sept 17, 2015.

“Low horizontal visibility below 5km over the waters off Southern Straits of Malacca, Tioman, Kuching, Reef South and Labuan are expected to continue until Monday, Sept 14, 2015.”

Madius assured that his ministry would continue to monitor the situation, apart from offering Malaysians the latest development on weather patterns.



Haze until end of the month

PETALING JAYA: The haze is expected to continue until the end of this month and the Meteorological Department will carry out cloud seeding if the Air Pollutant Index (API) goes beyond 100 for three consecutive days.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Madius Tangau said yesterday that the department, together with the air force, would conduct cloud seeding if the atmosphere and cloud situation were suitable.

“The increase in the number of hotspots in Sumatra and Kalimantan and the hot and dry season over the last few days had resulted in the severe haze in Sarawak and several states in the peninsula,” Madius said in a statement.

The department has also issued poor visibility warning for ships travelling in the Strait of Malacca, Sarawak, Labuan and the west coast of Sabah.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the dry and haze season was expected to end with the start of the inter-monsoon season in October.

As of 11am yesterday, 17 areas had unhealthy air quality readings.

Among the worst were Port Klang which recorded an API of 164; Batu Muda, Kuala Lumpur (157); Shah Alam (156); and Kuala Selangor (151)

