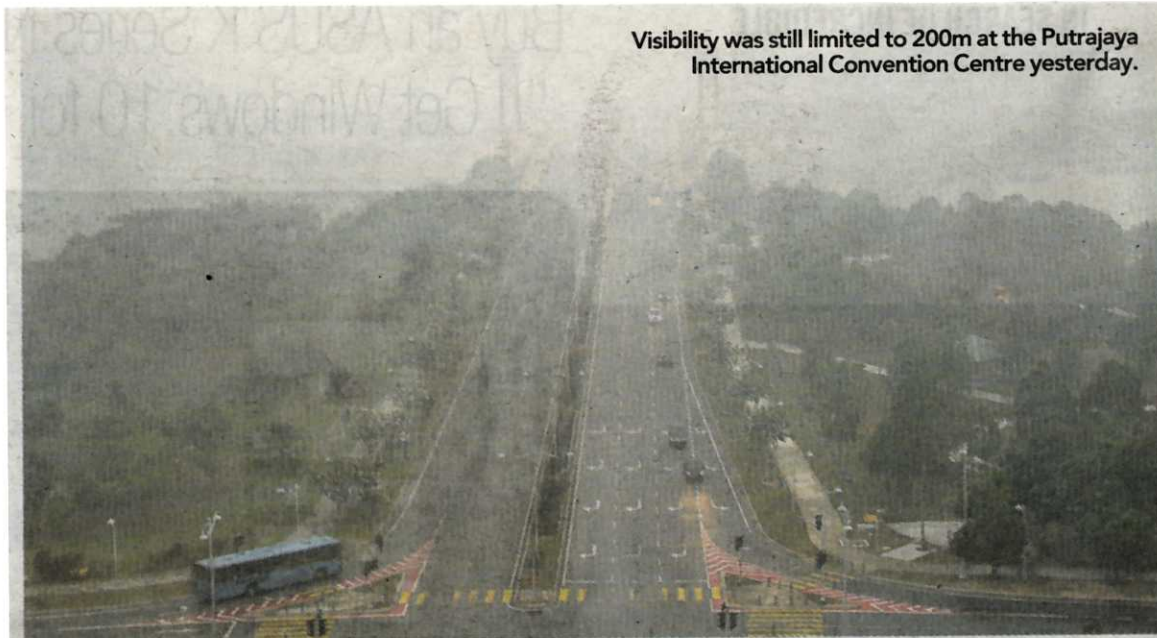


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Visibility was still limited to 200m at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre yesterday.

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## Cloud seeding successful only in peninsula

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**PETALING JAYA:** Cloud seeding in northern Selangor, southern Perak and west Pahang have successfully generated rainfall in the respective areas, said Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti) Minister Datuk Wilfred Madius Tangau.

Tangau said in a statement that it brought rainfall to several areas near the Selangor and Perak border, northern border of Selangor and Pahang and southern Perak and the Pahang border, but was unsuccessful in Sarawak.

"In Sarawak, cloud seeding was conducted around Tebekang in the Samarahan division and the areas of Balai Ringindan Pantu in Sri Aman but it was not successful due to the dry and stable atmospheric condition," he said.

Checks by *theSun* revealed that

at 5pm yesterday, Samarahan recorded an unhealthy level in the Air Pollutant Index at 196 while Kuching and Sri Aman were at 189 and 143 respectively.

Two flights at the Kuching International Airport (LTAB Kuching) had been cancelled up to 10am yesterday due to the haze, *Bernama* reported.

Airport manager Mohd Nadzim Hashim said one was a flight arrival and the other, departure, involving the Kuching-Tanjung Manis and Tanjung Manis-Kuching sectors.

"The two airlines affected are AirAsia and Malindo Air, causing delays to 861 passengers," he added.

Meanwhile, *AFP* reports that Indonesian police have detained seven people whose companies are allegedly connected with illegal agricultural fires that have

cloaked Southeast Asia in haze.

They were arrested on Wednesday in Sumatra, where authorities have been battling smog-belching blazes started to clear land for palm oil and pulp and paper plantations, national police chief Badrodin Haiti said.

Police said some of those arrested were executives, but did not give details about all detained. Officials did not reveal their identities or say which firms they worked for.

They could face up to 15 years jail and heavy fines if found guilty of breaking Indonesian laws that ban starting forest fires.

In addition to the seven arrested, 133 people have been named suspects, Haiti said. This is a legal step in Indonesia that means investigators have enough evidence to consider filing charges against someone.



## Kementerian Kesihatan Fokus Peningkat Rawatan Di Pusat Jagaan Harian

KOTA KINABALU, 17 Sept (Bernama) -- Kementerian Kesihatan akan memberi fokus meningkatkan kebolehpayaan dalam memberi perkhidmatan rawatan di Pusat Jagaan Harian di hospital dan klinik kerajaan.

Menterinya Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam berkata ini merupakan proses evolusi yang mendorong kepada usaha membawa transformasi besar kepada keseluruhan sistem penyampaian perkhidmatan kesihatan di negara ini.

Merupakan dasar utama Kementerian Kesihatan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ke-11, Subramaniam berkata ini bagi memperkukuh peringkat penjagaan kesihatan asas sebagai barisan hadapan dalam sistem penyampaian.

"Ini adalah transformasi utama yang akan berlaku di mana klinik boleh membuat lebih banyak tugas termasuk menjalankan pembedahan di Pusat Jagaan Harian.

"Pesakit boleh masuk (klinik atau hospital) pagi dan petang, mereka sudah boleh dibenarkan pulang ke rumah," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Hospital Tuaran Fasa II di sini, Khamis.

**Turut hadir Menteri Sains Teknologi dan Inovasi Datuk Madius Tangau, yang juga Anggota Parlimen Tuaran** dan Pengarah Kesihatan Sabah Dr Christina Rundi.

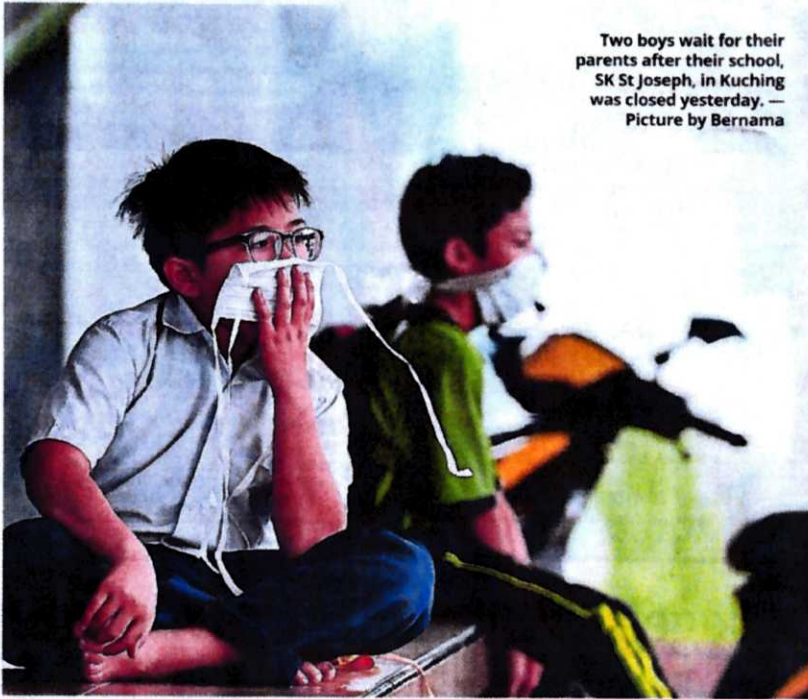
Hospital baharu daerah Tuaran itu dibina dengan kos RM128 juta yang menyediakan sebanyak 76 katil. Hospital ini juga boleh dijadikan sebagai hospital transit sebelum mendapatkan rawatan pakar di Hospital Queen Elizabeth.

Dalam perkembangan berkaitan, Subramaniam berkata kementerian mempunyai perancangan untuk menaik taraf kemudahan klinik di Kota Marudu bagi membolehkan klinik berkenaan menjalankan rawatan lebih efisien kepada pesakit.

"Ini termasuk penyediaan kemudahan rawatan berteknologi supaya klinik boleh menjalankan rawatan seperti di hospital termasuk dialisis dan x-ray," katanya.

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# Respite from haze to last only three days



Two boys wait for their parents after their school, SK St Joseph, in Kuching was closed yesterday. — Picture by Bernama

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PETALING JAYA — The Meteorological Department is expecting a break from the haze but the respite would only last about three days.

Its spokesman Dr Mohd Hisham Mohd Anip said winds blowing towards the peninsula from southern Sarawak — where schools would remain closed today due to the haze — would continue until tomorrow.

"We expect clear skies if there are no areas on fire in Indonesia," he said yesterday. "But by Tuesday, the haze could return to the peninsula as the winds were expected to change direction."

Some 463 schools in southern Sarawak were forced to close yesterday after air quality took a nosedive. The Air Pollutant Index (API) reading in Pontianak, in the neighbouring Indonesian province of Kalimantan, reached 1,000.

More than 184,000 schoolchildren in Samarahan

and Kuching were affected.

The Education Ministry had ordered schools to close when the API reading breaches 200. An API reading of zero to 50 is good, 51 to 100 moderate, 101 to 200 unhealthy, 201 to 300 very unhealthy and 301 and above is hazardous.

At 10am yesterday, the API reading in Samarahan and Kuching was 207 and 209 respectively. At 6pm, the API improved to 193 and 185.

The visibility in Kuching also improved from 300m at 10am to 400m at 6pm.

In the peninsula, nine areas recorded unhealthy readings, with Bukit Rambai in Malacca topping the list with an API of 124 at 10am, which improved to 116 at 6pm.

At 6pm, there were seven areas recording unhealthy readings. Among them were Banting, Selangor (108), Shah Alam, Selangor (107) and Nilai, Negri Sembilan (106).

Schools in Putrajaya, Malacca, Negri Sembilan, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur had closed on Tuesday because of the haze.

