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Cuaca panas dijangka sehingga Mac

KUALA LUMPUR 8 Jan. - Cuaca panas dan kering yang melanda Perlis serta Kedah dijangka turut dirasai di seluruh Semenanjung bermula penghujung Januari hingga Mac ini.

Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Seri Madius Tangau berkata, keadaan yang sama juga dijangka berlaku di Sabah, bahagian Limbang dan Miri di Sarawak.

"Fenomena ini dijangka boleh menyebabkan pengurangan jumlah hujan antara 20 dan 60 per-

tus manakala kenaikan suhu sekitar 0.5 hingga 2.0 darjah Celsius berbanding biasa.

"Keadaan ini disebabkan oleh kejadian El Nino kuat yang sedang berlaku dan dijangka akan berterusan sehingga suku pertama tahun ini," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Sehubungan itu, Madius berkata, orang ramai dinasihatkan supaya berjimat cermat dalam penggunaan air dan mengurangkan aktiviti luar semasa cuaca panas berlaku.

El Nino to peak in first quarter of the year

HEAT WAVE:

Country to be
hotter by up to
2°C, says Met Dept

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MALAYSIA will be hotter by up to 2°C in the first quarter of the year as the El Nino effect reaches its peak, meteorologists concluded after evaluating several global weather forecast models.

The El Nino effect hit the country last year, causing unusually high temperature and lower-than-expected rainfall during the monsoon season.

Meteorological Department director-general Datuk Che Gayah Ismail said the sea surface temperature (SST) in the Pacific Ocean was rising, with the SST at the Nino 3.4 region at 2.7°C above average in the last week of last month.

"The hot and dry weather we are experiencing in Kedah, Perlis and Penang will spread throughout the

peninsula by the end of the month and drag on until the end of March as the El Nino is gaining momentum. The same will happen in Sabah, and in Limbang and Miri divisions in Sarawak.

"We are experiencing a stronger El Nino than in 1997/1998. On average, we will see temperature of between 0.5°C and 2°C higher than the average throughout the country in the first quarter of the year."

Rainfall in Perlis, Penang, Kedah, Kelantan, Terengganu, northern Perak and northern Pahang are expected to be lower than the average level this month.

Selangor, central and southern Perak, Negri Sembilan and Malacca will receive rainfall slightly lower than the average level, while southern Pahang and Johor will receive an average level of rainfall.

In Sarawak, Sibul, Bintulu, Miri, Limbang and Kapit are expected to receive rainfall slightly lower than the average level while other divisions will receive an average level of rainfall.

Sabah will receive rainfall below the average level except in the interior.

Che Gayah said Perlis, Kedah and Penang will be drier than other states.

