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Seberang Perai Lokasi Terbaharu Lebih 30 Hari Tanpa Hujan

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Sweating in wait for rain

Inter-monsoon season expected to bring respite from heat

PETALING JAYA: Inter-monsoon rains expected this month will provide a much-needed respite from the heatwave.

A Meteorological Department official said the wet weather should help lessen the El Nino effect.

"It is a misconception that the hot spell will go on until the middle of the year," said the official who declined to be identified.

When the rains start, however, would depend on wind conditions, he said.

The heatwave continues to broil Chuping in Perlis and Alor Setar, Kedah, in the north, with temperatures recorded there yesterday at 38.6°C and 37.9°C, respectively.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Madius Tangau said most west coast states in peninsular Malaysia also recorded high temperatures.

Langkawi holds the record, hav-

Daily maximum temperature (°C)
(March 21 - March 30)

Station name	March									
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Kedah: Alor Setar	37.0	35.0	35.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	37.0	37.7	37.0	38.0
Pahang: Batu Embun	37.0	37.0	37.0	38.0	39.0	36.0	36.0	30.8	35.0	36.0
Perak: Lubok Merbau	36.0	35.0	36.0	37.0	37.0	38.0	38.0	35.8	37.0	37.0
Perlis: Chuping	37.0	37.0	36.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	37.0	38.1	37.0	38.0
Penang: Butterworth	33.0	33.0	33.0	32.0	33.0	35.0	33.0	35.2	34.0	34.0
Penang: Prai	37.0	34.0	35.0	37.0	34.0	35.0	34.0	34.6	34.0	34.0
Sabah: Keningau	37.0	36.0	36.0	34.0	29.0	33.0	34.0	34.4	35.0	35.0

Source: Met Malaysia Automatic Weather (AWS) Stations

ing had no rain for the past 45 days, he said. This is followed by Arau (Perlis), 40 days; and Seberang Prai Tengah (Penang), 31 days.

National Water Services Commission (SPAN) chairman Datuk Ismail Kasim said water supply was dwindling in parts of

Pahang, Kedah and Perak.

"El Nino can lead to reduced rainfall of between 20% and 60%," he said in a statement yesterday, adding that this has led to a significant drop in river and dam levels.

Reduced water levels in Sungai Pahang have led to a 10% reduction

at the Lubok Kawah treatment plant. The Jelai and Batu 9 treatment plants in that state were also down by 15% and 33%, respectively.

Ismail said more than 6,000 consumer accounts in Lipis and Batu 9 Halt were also affected.

In Kedah, three plants – in Lubok Tupah, Merbok and Gurun – had to reduce their supply of treated water by between 50% and 69%.

According to Ismail, Syarikat Air Darul Aman was channelling water from treatment plants in other states to make up the deficit.

In Perak, the Taiping Headworks treatment plant had to cut supply by 43%.

Ismail called on the people to be "prudent in their use of water".

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Haze caused by peat fire adds to Sabah's hardship

KOTA KINABALU: A fast spreading peat fire in the Binsuluk Forest Reserve area in south-west Sabah has caused haze to blanket parts of the state's west coast.

This is in addition to the dry spell that has already caused hardship in many parts of the state.

Sabah Fire and Rescue Services Department director Nordin Pauzi said some 100 firemen have been sent to the Binsuluk area, about 130km from here, to put out the peat fires that have already spread into the forest reserves.

Efforts have been ongoing to control the peat fire since early March after it was spotted in areas close to the reserve.

Apart from that Binsuluk peat fire, he said firemen were also attending to over a hundred dis-

truss calls in the state.

The haze caused visibility in the Kota Kinabalu area to drop to three kilometres while Labuan recorded eight kilometres. Other areas like Sandakan, Kudat and Tawau recorded more than 10km visibility. No flights were disrupted.

Sabah Meteorological Department acting director Lim Ze Hui said five localised hot spots in Beaufort, Bongawan (Klias peninsula) and Kota Belud were spotted since late Wednesday.

He added that they did not expect any immediate rain in the west coast of the state though there have been isolated showers in Sandakan.

Sabah's dry spell since early February has affected traditional water sources from streams, wells and gravity water feeds.



Fighting on: Firemen have been working round the clock in efforts to put out the peat fire burning from below ground and controlling the blaze from hotspots like this one at Kg Pintasan in Kota Belud. — NORMIMIE DIUN/The Star