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Debu Letusan Gunung Berapi Sinabung Tidak Jejas Malaysia Setakat Ini



Letusan gunung berapi Sinabung Sumatera (Gambar Agensi Berita Antara)

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Mei (Bernama) -- Asap dan debu letusan gunung berapi Sinabung di Sumatera, Indonesia dijangka tidak memberi kesan kepada Malaysia berikutan keadaan angin di negara ini bertiup dari arah barat laut.

Bagaimanapun **Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI) Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau** berkata keadaan angin dijangka berubah bertiup dari arah barat daya mulai esok.

"Sekiranya gunung berapi Sinabung berterusan meletus, asap debu boleh sampai di Semenanjung selepas 25 Mei atau 26 Mei," katanya di dalam satu kenyataan hari Ahad.

Enam orang disahkan maut setakat ini manakala tiga lagi kritikal akibat terkena debu panas gunung berapi Sinabung di daerah Karo, Sumatera Utara yang meletus sejak semalam.

Bernama melaporkan, Ketua Pusat Data Informasi dan Hubungan Manusia Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana (BNPB) Sutopo Purwo Nugroho berkata, kesemua mangsa adalah penduduk tempatan.

Gunung berapi setinggi 2,460 meter itu adalah antara yang paling aktif di Indonesia dan pada 2014 beberapa penduduk terbunuh dan beribu-ribu yang lain dipindahkan akibat letusan gunung berapi itu.

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Mt Sinabung Volcanic Ash Has So Far Not Affected Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, May 22 (Bernama) -- The volcanic ash from Mount Sinabung in Sumatera, Indonesia is not expected to have any effect on Malaysia yet as the winds over the country are blowing from the northwest.

However, **Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Madius Tangau** said the wind direction is expected to shift to southwesterly beginning tomorrow (May 23).

"If Mount Sinabung continues to erupt, the volcanic ash could reach Peninsular Malaysia after May 25 or 26," he said in a statement Sunday.

Six people were confirmed dead while three more in critical condition after they were affected by volcanic ash from Mount Sinabung in the Karo district, North Sumatera which erupted yesterday.

Bernama had earlier reported that the head of the Centre for Data, Information and Public Relations of Indonesia's Natural Disaster Management Agency (BNPB), Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said all the victims were local residents.

The 2,460-metre high volcano is among the most active in Indonesia and in 2014, several people were killed and thousands evacuated when it erupted.

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Cyberscammers tapping into minds

Conmen get personal data from social media

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PETALING JAYA: Cybercriminals are getting into your head.

Realising that victims are no longer falling for the 'I'm a Prince who wants to deposit US\$50mil (RM199mil) into your account' e-mail, these syndicates have enlisted psychologists and behavioural experts to launch targeted attacks on companies, groups and individuals.

By going through their victims' social media accounts, they learn more about their targets and are able to craft attractive e-mail, prompting them to respond.

Clicking on the link in the e-mail will download malware that encrypts your device. Computers, smartphones, smartwatches and any other network-connected device, can be locked by cybercriminals who will only release it for a fee, or "ransom".

Such ransomware has reached our shores, with a total of 5,069 attacks in Malaysia last year, according to cybersecurity company Symantec Corporation.

"The new *modus operandi* uses social engineering, with the e-mail being crafted by Malaysians who know the local scenario and how to trigger emotional reactions," Symantec (Asia Pacific and Japan) cyber security services senior director Peter Sparkes told *Sunday Star*.

For example, if they find out from Facebook that you went shopping,



You've been had: A user checking an SMS alert about an unauthorised credit card transaction.

you could get an official-looking e-mail from a trusted source like a government body or postal department saying: 'You've received a free gift from shopping at our KL outlet. Click this link to trace your parcel'.

"Or if they see you at a cycling event, the e-mail could say: 'Thank you for participating. Click on the link for photos and videos of the ride'," he said.

"To decrypt your device, they'll ask for about US\$200 (RM782) in virtual currency like Bitcoin, to bypass the banks," Sparkes added.

Acknowledging this new threat, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) strategic communication head Sheikh

Raffie Abd Rahman urged the public to be more alert.

He said one of the most commonly used social engineering techniques was phishing attacks targeting online banking customers.

Such cases would be investigated by the police under the Computer Crimes Act 1997 or the Penal Code.

A total of 1,311 phishing websites have been blocked by the MCMC between last year and March 8.

This includes fake pages created to acquire personal information such as usernames, passwords, banking information and credit card details by masquerading as a trusted entity in an electronic communication.

CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM) chief executive officer Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab said the number of incidents reported to the CSM indicates the growing threat of ransomware here.

Revealing that local businesses are also targeted, he said the CSM will work together with international communities to share current information on ransomware threats and disseminate them to the public.

Malaysian Mental Health Association deputy president Datuk Dr Andrew Mohanraj said cybercriminals have become more sophisticated in their approach by enlisting psychologists.

"But whichever methods they use, there is an underlying *modus operandi* of appealing to human emotions of fear, greed, curiosity, loneliness, compassion or even spirituality," he said.