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# Tunggu sampai Oktober

## Kebarangkalian La Nina melanda Malaysia 70 peratus

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Peningkatan taburan hujan dijangka berlaku selepas cuaca musim panas dan kering yang dialami negara berakhir September ini. Peningkatan taburan hujan itu dikaitkan dengan fe-

nomena La Nina yang akan melanda negara pada akhir tahun ini.

Menurut kenyataan media Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi Datuk Seri Madius Tangau, berdasarkan model iklim antarabangsa, kebarangkalian fenomena La Nina berlaku adalah 70 peratus, tetapi ia hanya dapat diputuskan selepas Oktober ini.

"Ini bermakna sekiranya

fenomena La Nina benar-benar berlaku, kesamiya hanya akan mula dirasakan pada penghujung tahun.

"La Nina secara amnya akan meningkatkan taburan hujan terutama di Sabah dan kawasan pantai timur Semenanjung," katanya.

Semasa kejadian La Nina, anomali iaitu perbezaan dari nilai jangka panjang suhu permukaan air laut di kawasan tengah dan timur Lautan Pasifik sekitar Khatulistiwa lebih rendah berbanding semasa El Nino di

mana suhunya lebih tinggi daripada keadaan normal. La Nina akan meningkatkan kekuatan angin timuran yang bertiup dari arah timur Lautan Pasifik iaitu menolak semakin banyak air permukaan laut yang panas ke arah barat Lautan Pasifik (Asia Tenggara).

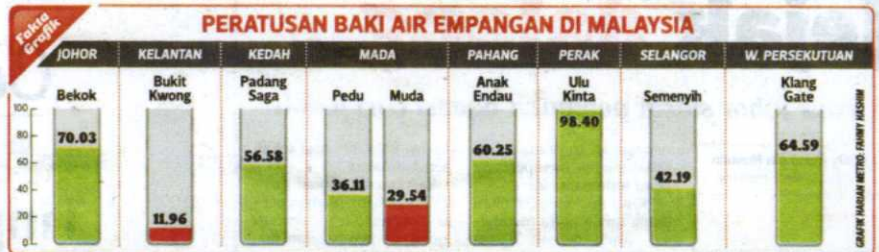
Keadaan ini akan menggalakkan proses perolakan udara dan pembentukan awan dan seterusnya membawa hujan lebat di beberapa kawasan Asia Tenggara termasuk Malaysia.

Sementara itu, menurut laman web rasmi Info Kemarau Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS), sehingga jam 5 petang semalam, didapati tiada peningkatan stok simpanan air di empangan utama apabila dua empangan masih berada pada baki simpanan kod merah.

Empangan Bukit Kwong, Kelantan dan Empangan Muda, Kedah masih mencatatkan takungan pada tahap kritikal iaitu 11.96 peratus dan 29.54 peratus.

Sementara itu, dua lagi empangan yang mencatat bacaan isipadu air bawah 50 peratus adalah Empangan Pedu, Kedah iaitu sebanyak 36.11 peratus dan Empangan Semenyih, Selangor 42.19 peratus.

Manakala, empat empangan menunjukkan bacaan baki simpanan melebihi 50 peratus iaitu Empangan Padang Saga, Kedah (56.58 peratus), Empangan Klang Gate, Selangor (64.59 peratus) dan Empangan Anak Endau, Pahang (60.25 peratus).



GAMBAR: HARIAN METRO (MUKA SURAT 28)



# Downpour wreaks havoc in KL

**CHAOS:** Flash floods, collapsed garage and uprooted trees cause damage around city

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**A** DOWNPOUR in the federal capital yesterday uprooted trees and caused flash floods.

It also caused the garage of an apartment to collapse, damaging four cars parked there.

City Fire and Rescue Department chief operations officer Samsol Maarif Saibani said the incident partially damaged a Honda Civic, Subaru Impreza, Volkswagen Beetle and Kia Sportage.

Samsol said the department received a distress call at 5.42pm and a team from the Pantai fire station was deployed to the scene.

"The strong winds and downpour caused the garage to collapse.

"However, no one was injured in the incident."

He said the downpour also caused flash floods and uprooted trees in several parts of the city here.

At least six cars were damaged by uprooted trees in four locations here, including Jalan Kampung At-tap. In Jalan Dato Onn, the uprooted trees fell on three cars, but no one was injured.

The department also received a distress call about a partially uprooted tree at a house in Jalan Desa Seputeh.



A car damaged by an uprooted tree near the Bank Negara komuter station in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. (Inset) One of the four cars that were damaged when the garage of an apartment collapsed in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday. Pix by Zulfadhli Zulkifli and Abdullah Yusof

"Several branches had fallen on the roof," said Samsol.

He said firemen were deployed to assist City Hall workers to remove the uprooted trees and fallen branches from obstructing the roads in the city here.

The heavy rain caused flash floods in Jalan Pudu and the Federal Highway near Petaling Jaya.

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tions Minister Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau said the downpour was due to the southwest monsoon.

He said isolated heavy rains and thunderstorms were expected to occur in the afternoon.

"The southwest monsoon starts on the third week of May and is expected to last until the middle of September.

In Bentong, Pahang, the hot weather was interrupted by a massive storm here on Tuesday evening, which left more than 100 houses and a few buildings damaged.

Pahang Civil Defence Department director Zainal Yusoff said the affected areas comprised Kampung Batu 1, Kampung Chamang Baru, Kampung Chamang Lama, Kampung Perting, Kampung Ke-

mansur, Jalan Teras and Jalan Lama KL.

He said 92 public houses, nine government buildings, a mosque and a petrol station were damaged.

"Most of the damage involved roofs being ripped off and several buildings and cars hit by uprooted trees. There was also a power outage," he said.



## Refer concerns directly to MTCC

WE refer to the letter "End rampant logging of forest reserves" (*The Star*, July 8).

The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) views the issues raised in the letter seriously.

Established as an independent organisation in 1998, MTCC is tasked to develop and operate the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) to provide independent assessment of forest management practices and audit of timber product manufacturers or exporters to ascertain that the timber products manufactured or exported from Malaysia are sourced from sustainably managed forests.

MTCC would like to emphasise that the MTCS is a voluntary certification system in line with international forest sustainability benchmarks, which strictly separates the processes of standard setting, certification and accreditation. Auditing and certification of compliance are not carried out by MTCC but by independent certification bodies such as **SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.**, which are accredited by **STANDARDS MALAYSIA** in accordance with ISO requirements.

A certified forest management area or timber company will be subjected to annual audit by the certification body to ensure continued compliance to the certification standards and requirements. Concerns raised by stakeholders will be taken into account by the certification body during the annual audit, and under certain circumstances, a special verification audit will be conducted when deemed necessary.

In accordance with the requirements of the certification scheme, the certification body will under-



take appropriate action in the event of a major non-compliance discovered during any audit. A case in point to demonstrate the credibility of the certification system would be the recent suspension of certification of the Johor and Kelantan forest management units.

With regard to the issues raised in the letter, please be assured that actions are being taken by SIRIM QAS to look into these matters. In this context, MTCC greatly appreciates that any concern regarding any certified entity be conveyed directly to MTCC or the certification body. MTCC wishes to stress that any information submitted to MTCC or the certification body will be treated seriously and that action will be taken as appropriate.

The MTCS underpins a balanced approach in the way the forests are utilised through strict criteria that aim to take into account the need for conservation, environ-

mental protection and socio-economic development. However, as certification is a voluntary process, the uptake has been slow. Currently, only 3.88 million ha of natural forests covering about 21% of the total forested areas in Malaysia have been certified under the MTCS. This figure affirms that the implementation of forest certification is most challenging in spite of the best efforts.

The pursuit of sustainable forest management and forest certification is a challenging journey that requires the full cooperation and support of all parties involved. We need to work together to ensure that the valuable forest resources we have are managed in a way that is socially acceptable, ecologically sustainable and economically viable.

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