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## Hujan lebat, ribut petir diramal hingga September

**KUALA LUMPUR 17 Jun** - Keadaan hujan lebat, ribut petir dan angin kuat dijangka melanda beberapa negeri terutama di kawasan Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka dan barat Johor sehingga pertengahan September ini.

Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Madius Tangau berkata, negara kini mengalami Monsun Barat Daya yang telah bermula sejak minggu ketiga Mei lalu.

Menurutnya, semasa Monsun Barat Daya berlaku, keadaan atmosfera adalah lebih stabil iaitu

kurang aktiviti perolakan.

“Oleh itu, keadaan cuaca lebih kering berbanding musim-musim lain. Namun, hujan lebat dan ribut petir masih dijangkakan berlaku dalam tempoh tersebut tetapi kekerapannya adalah kurang berbanding tempoh peralihan monsun.

“Malah, semasa hujan lebat, ribut petir dan angin kuat yang turut dikenali sebagai garis badai Sumatras kadangkala boleh berlaku pada waktu subuh terutamanya di kawasan pantai Sel-

angor, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka dan barat Johor.

“Bagaimanapun, hujan masih boleh dijangkakan berlaku pada waktu petang dan malam berikutan pemanasan kuat terhadap permukaan bumi pada waktu siang,” katanya ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia* di sini hari ini.

Dalam pada itu, tambah beliau, keadaan cuaca berjerebu disebabkan oleh aktiviti pembakaran tempatan dan jerebu rentas sempadan dari negara jiran juga dijangkakan semasa Monsun Barat Daya.

# Ramadan nights cooler now

Predawn rains and strong winds predicted on west coast

**PETALING JAYA:** Malaysians are getting a temporary reprieve from the heat due to the south-west monsoon season bringing in occasional rain and thunderstorm across the country since the third week of May.

The Ramadan month started with hot weather but the evenings are cooler now with rainfall distribution.

The Meteorological Department predicted occasional predawn heavy rain with thunderstorms and strong winds especially over the coastal areas of Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Malacca and western Johor.

Rains, however, can still be expected to occur in the afternoon and evening as a result of the strong heating on the Earth's surface in the daytime.

In a statement yesterday, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Madius Tangau said the atmospheric conditions in Malaysia was more stable during the south-west monsoon as there

was less convective activity.

"The weather during this period is relatively drier as compared to other seasons.

"Nevertheless, heavy rain and thunderstorms are still expected to occur but will be less frequent as compared to the inter-monsoon season," he said.

Tangau said haze was also expected during the south-west monsoon. "This is caused by local burning activity and transboundary haze from a neighbouring country," he said.

During the Ramadan month, the weather conditions throughout the country are expected to be generally normal with rainfall about 100mm over the peninsula, 100mm to 200mm over Sarawak and 100mm to 300mm over Sabah.

However, the east coast states of peninsula and eastern Sabah are expected to receive slightly below normal rainfall while western Sarawak may register slightly more rainfall than normal.