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HARIAN METRO (SETEMPAT): MUKA SURAT 17
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Cuaca kering hingga Oktober

Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (JMM) meramalkan akan berlaku perubahan cuaca yang beransur kering dalam tempoh beberapa bulan lagi kerana pertambahan angin barat daya yang akan menjadikan atmosfera kering.

Timbalan Ketua Pengarah (Strategi dan Teknikal) JMM, Dr Mohd Rosaidi Che Abas berkata, walaupun hujan lebat di beberapa kawasan sejak awal puasa lalu tetapi

sebenarnya taburan dan tempoh hujan makin berkurangan.

"Kita jangkakan bermula esok (hari ini) sehingga 7 Julai cuaca menjadi kering dengan suhu mencecah 38 darjah selsius," katanya ketika dihubungi semalam.

Tambah beliau lagi, walau hanya dijangka sehingga Isnin ini namun negara akan terus berdepan dengan cuaca berkenaan sehingga Oktober nanti.

Katanya, keadaan cuaca itu juga berkemungkinan akan memberi kesan ke atas paras air empangan.

"Pada amnya jumlah taburan hujan makin berkurangan sejak Mei lalu dan ia akan berpanjangan sehingga September ini.

"Tetapi JMM sudah bersedia sekiranya terdapat usaha mahu melakukan pembenihan awam bagi meningkatkan takungan air empangan," katanya.

Cuaca boleh pengaruhi empangan

Musim panas yang melanda boleh mempengaruhi penyusutan takungan air

JABATAN Meteorologi Malaysia menjangkakan keadaan cuaca panas boleh mempengaruhi penyusutan air empangan dan tadahan di Selangor.

Pegawai Khidmat Korporat dan Komersialnya, Sinuarovina Urban berkata, ini terjadi kerana negara kita masih berada di fasa aktif Monsun Barat Daya yang suhunya lebih panas dan kering sehingga awal

September.

"Setakat ini, suhu maksima di sekitar Selangor dicatatkan sekitar 36 darjah Celsius.

"Ini kita peroleh berdasarkan imej satelit yang dirakamkan semalam," katanya dalam satu kenyataan kepada *Sinar Harian* di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata, taburan hujan mulai minggu depan semakin ber-

kurangan berbanding sebelum ini.

"Berdasarkan direkodkan yang dicatatkan di tiga stesen Meteorologi utama di Selangor bagi Jun, taburan hujan di kawasan Subang mencatatkan 25.4 milimeter (mm), Sepang (89.4mm) dan Petaling Jaya (36.6mm).

"Namun, jumlah hujan untuk Subang dan Petaling Jaya adalah di-

bawah paras normal," katanya.

Sinuarovina bagaimanapun memberitahu, hujan yang berlaku di Selangor sejak beberapa hari lalu tidak lebat dan tidak menyeluruh.

Katanya, pihaknya juga tidak dapat memastikan sama ada hujan telah turun ke kawasan tadahan memandangkan tiada stesen pencerapan di kawasan berkenaan.

"Sekiranya terdapat hujan di kawasan tadahan air berdekatan empangan kemungkinan paras air boleh bertambah.

"Setakat ini jabatannya menjalankan operasi pembenihan awam di kawasan empangan dan tadahan di Selangor sahaja bersama Lembaga Saluran Air Selangor (Luas)," katanya.

Don't take El Nino phenomenon lightly

MALAYSIANS are now facing extremely hot weather and this could get worse with the impending El Nino phenomenon.

The El Nino phenomenon refers to the prolonged warming of surface temperatures over the eastern Pacific Ocean for six months every two to seven years.

According to the Malaysian Meteorological Society, the effects of the El Nino phenomenon will start to be felt in peninsular Malaysia at the end of this year or early next year.

This phenomenon should not be taken lightly as it will have an

impact on human lives, climate and socio-economic issues.

In Shah Alam, students from different institutions of learning such as Universiti Teknologi Mara, Management and Science University and Universiti Industri Selangor are falling sick from dehydration due to the weather.

The public especially those who travel every day should take measures to keep themselves hydrated.

Open burning (*pic*) should be avoided because the smoke from the burning will make the weather worse.

We also have to reduce outdoor activities as much as possible until the problem is over.

The public should be careful when using water.

Drink plenty of water to remain hydrated at all times. Drinking eight glasses of water a day would

be good.

I hope everyone is aware of the phenomenon and will take extra precautions to keep themselves safe and healthy.

ANITA MURUGAN
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Lynas to relocate head office from Sydney to KL

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KUANTAN: Australian rare earth mining company Lynas Corporation Ltd will relocate its head office from Sydney to Kuala Lumpur in order to streamline its operations and improve organisational efficiency.

The company said in a statement that its structure would be simplified by co-locating management personnel and resources with production and sales facilities both in

Western Australia (Perth) and Malaysia.

However, Lynas Corp would remain listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

"This streamlining of office locations is the first in a series of initiatives aimed at simplifying our approach and focusing on the highest value drivers in our business," said its newly-appointed chief executive officer Amanda Lacaze, who added that a review with her team had identified opportunities

to improve cost, production and financial performance.

Besides the head office relocation, Lynas would also cut down its workforce mostly by reducing contractor positions as well as improving asset utilisation, renegotiating supplier contracts and seeking improvements in procurement practices.

It added that the company was focusing on ramping up production at the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP) in Gebeng here, which

it said had encountered further bottlenecks over the past quarter, though these constraints have been managed.

"We are pleased to report that demand for rare earth oxide (REO) products remains buoyant and that the company has achieved further increases in production and sales of REO products during the June 2014 quarter.

"We are now working on delivering the optimal balance of volume, finished product quality and REO

yield – the volume of rare earths recovered through our process from mining to finished product," said Lacaze.

LAMP continued to draw protests from anti-Lynas groups that claimed Lynas had not fulfilled the various terms under its temporary operating license.

The recent protest in front of the plant by Himpunan Hijau saw 16 people arrested after they refused to abide by the police order to disperse.

Lynas exploited for political mileage, again

UNRULY: People are getting tired of the irresponsible act of the protesters

THE recent protest against Lynas' rare earth processing plant in Gebeng has again proved that the opposition will continue to exploit the issue for political mileage.

Despite the assurance given by various parties, including local and international experts, they are still questioning about safety at the Lynas Advance Materials Plant (Lamp) and the long-term effects of the operation.

Led by the so-called green movement, Himpunan Hijau, whose chairman Wong Tack contested as a DAP candidate, but lost in the last general election, the protesters later turned unruly and tried to break police barricade and storm into the plant.

However, quick action by the police stopped the protesters from entering the facility. Sixteen people, including Wong and an Australian woman, were arrested.

As expected, the pro-opposition media turned the law-breaking protesters into heroes and cast the law enforcers in bad light.

The people in the state are getting tired of the irresponsible act of the protesters, who do not give a hoot about pressing environmental and health issues, such as the effects on those who consume water from former mines in Selangor and the Klang Valley.

The locals could no longer tolerate their rude behaviour when confronting the policemen and blatant disregard of the law since the Magistrate's Court had issued an injunction that barred them from approaching within a 20m radius of the plant.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan

Yaakob did not mince his words when commenting on the protest, claiming that it was a foolish act to stir trouble and reignite hatred against the government.

Adnan has a valid reason to question their act, as he had taken the trouble to bring the state assemblymen, including those from the opposition, to visit Lamp early this year.

The assemblymen witnessed Lamp's operation and were also shown how its waste was processed into safe and marketable products.

"They were satisfied with the explanation given and none of them raised any issues," said Adnan, who believed that the protest was part of the opposition's plan to maintain the anti-establishment momentum until the next general election.

It is a known fact that Himpunan Hijau and other anti-Lynas groups always contradict themselves. While some of their self-pro-

claimed experts accused the government of concealing the truth, they themselves have continuously misled the public with half-truths and lies. Therefore, don't be surprised if some of their supporters say that Lamp is a nuclear reactor that could explode or create mutants in the near future.

Most of them don't know or even care that the information on Lamp and real-time readings of the radiation level can be easily assessed via the Internet.

Apart from the online data, the public can also check the readings of the airborne monitoring system on the digital display placed at the district police headquarters as well as the Atomic Energy Licensing Board office at Lamp.

It was reported that the radiation level at Lamp and the surrounding areas has not changed although the rare earth processing facility has been operating for a year.

At the same time, the water and gaseous discharges from the plant had also fulfilled the specifications set by the authorities and were made known to the public.

In our efforts to become a de-

veloped nation, it is important that the public improve their scientific knowledge and know-how to differentiate facts from myths and half-truths.

Academy of Sciences Malaysia chief executive officer Dr Ahmad Ibrahim has stressed the importance of educating the public on the real science of rare earth and the academy's initiatives have helped allay fears among the public.

Rare earth is a critical material for the manufacturing of super magnets, the important component in wind turbines and other advanced gadgets that could help save the planet.

The materials are also being used in the production of green products such as hybrid cars and energy-saving lights.

Since Malaysia has made the strategic decision to allow Lynas to operate under close monitoring of the relevant agencies, it is now the right time for local and foreign investors to grab the high-value business opportunities downstream.

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KERATAN AKHBAR
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Estofa Choco bantu kekal awet muda

SHAH ALAM - MyGlobal Clique Sdn. Bhd. (MyGlobal Clique) memperkenalkan produk minuman kesihatan, Estofa Choco untuk membantu mengekalkan awet muda di samping membantu pembentukan berat badan ideal.

Pengarah MyGlobal Clique, Fendi Rawi berkata, produk berkenaan telah diuji selama dua tahun dengan usaha sama Technology Park Malaysia Corporation Sdn. Bhd.

"Estofa Choco diperkaya dengan ekstrak rumpai laut, kacang ginjal putih, garcinia dan kaktus hoodia yang bukan sahaja mengandungi kolagen bagi penyelesaian masalah kulit kusam dan tidak bermaya.

"Ia juga menghalang pembentukan lemak serta mengurangkan paras kolesterol dalam badan," katanya kepada *Kosmo!* di sini semalam.

Menurut beliau, Estofa Choco bersesuaian untuk diminum pada waktu pagi dan ia dapat meningkatkan kadar metabolisme dan menguatkan sistem imunisasi badan.

Jelasnya, walaupun baru berada di pasaran, sambutan terhadap produk minuman kesihatan amat menggalakkan malah telah turut menembusi pasaran luar negara seperti Australia dan Hong Kong.

"Sekotak Estofa Choco yang me-



FENDI (tengah) bersama kakitangannya menunjukkan produk minuman kesihatan Estofa Choco di Shah Alam semalam.

ngandungi 15 paket dijual pada harga RM188. Ia boleh didapati secara online menerusi laman sosial Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/estofachoco>.

"Selain itu, ia juga boleh didapati menerusi ejen yang dilantik atau menghubungi kami di talian 03-2615 2774," katanya.

Jelas Fendi, sempena pelancaran Estofa Choco, pihaknya akan memberi sampel percuma kepada 500 pembaca *Kosmo!* terawal yang menghantar khidmat pesanan ringkas dengan menaip kod 'ESTOFA CHOCO' berserta nama dan alamat masing-masing di talian 012-937 1 774.