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MINGGUAN MALAYSIA (TRAGEDI KREN TUMBANG DI MASJIDILHARAM)
MUKA SURAT 03
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Pegawai kanan Mosti mangsa tragedi kren di Mekah

PUTRAJAYA 12 Sept.

- Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi memaklumkan salah seorang mangsa yang terlibat dalam tragedi kren tumbang di Masjidilharam, Mekah merupakan Timbalan Setiausaha Bahagian (Industri) kementerian tersebut.

Menterinya, Datuk Madius Tangau berkata, mangsa, Dr. Mohd. Nor Azman Hassan, 44, kini sedang dirawat di Hospital Raja Faisal kerana mengalami patah tulang bahu dalam tragedi tersebut.

"Susulan kejadian itu, keluarga Mohd. Nor Azman telah dihubungi oleh pihak Tabung Haji tentang perkara ini.

"Saya berdoa agar beliau dan semua jemaah dari Malaysia yang terlibat cepat sembuh dari segi fizikal dan psikologi seterusnya dapat meneruskan ibadah haji," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Cloud seeding to commence if API remains high

KUCHING: A cloud seeding operation will be launched if the Air Pollutant Index (API) remains at an unhealthy level (101 and above) for the next 72 hours.

Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology Datuk Madius Tangau said the move was in line with the Permanent Operation Regulation of the National Haze Action Plan.

“The Meteorological Department of Malaysia (MetMalaysia) will work closely with the Malaysian Air Force to prepare for the cloud seeding operation,” he said in a media statement yesterday.

Madius pointed out that Malaysia would continue to see dry weather until the end of the month once the southwest monsoon concludes.

He said the south-westerly winds were expected to bring ‘smoke’ from Sumatra and Kalimantan where fires still took place. Based on the satellite data on Friday, he said Sumatra alone registered as many as 304 hotspots, while Kalimantan and Peninsular Malaysia had 25 and one, respectively.

He also admitted that the increasing hotspots in both Sumatra and Kalimantan had led to more severe hazy situations in not just Sarawak but also a couple of other states in Peninsular Malaysia.

“MetMalaysia has issued low visibility warnings to several waters throughout the country. Ships without navigational equipment are advised to be cautious in the waters mentioned.”

The advisory on the department’s official portal reads: “Low horizontal visibility below 5km over the waters off Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Malacca, Johore, Pahang, Sarawak (Kuching, Rajang, Mukah, Bintulu and Miri), Labuan FT and Sabah (Interior, West Coast and Kudat) are expected to continue until Monday, Sept 14, 2015.”

It went on to warn that “Strong south-westerly winds of 40-50km/h with waves up to 3.5m high are expected to occur over the waters off Condore, Reef North, Layang-layang and Palawan from Monday, Sept 14 2015 until Thursday, Sept 17, 2015.

“Low horizontal visibility below 5km over the waters off Southern Straits of Malacca, Tioman, Kuching, Reef South and Labuan are expected to continue until Monday, Sept 14, 2015.”

Madius assured that his ministry would continue to monitor the situation, apart from offering Malaysians the latest development on weather patterns.



Haze until end of the month

PETALING JAYA: The haze is expected to continue until the end of this month and the Meteorological Department will carry out cloud seeding if the Air Pollutant Index (API) goes beyond 100 for three consecutive days.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Madius Tangau said yesterday that the department, together with the air force, would conduct cloud seeding if the atmosphere and cloud situation were suitable.

“The increase in the number of hotspots in Sumatra and Kalimantan and the hot and dry season over the last few days had resulted in the severe haze in Sarawak and several states in the peninsula,” Madius said in a statement.

The department has also issued poor visibility warning for ships travelling in the Strait of Malacca, Sarawak, Labuan and the west coast of Sabah.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the dry and haze season was expected to end with the start of the inter-monsoon season in October.

As of 11am yesterday, 17 areas had unhealthy air quality readings.

Among the worst were Port Klang which recorded an API of 164; Batu Muda, Kuala Lumpur (157); Shah Alam (156); and Kuala Selangor (151)



MetMalaysia, TUDM sedia laksana pembenihan awan

KUALA LUMPUR - Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MetMalaysia) dengan kerjasama Tentera Udara Diraja Malaysia (TUDM) telah bersiap sedia untuk melaksanakan operasi pembenihan awan susulan keadaan berjerebu melanda beberapa kawasan di negara ini.

Menteri Sains Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Madius Tangau berkata operasi itu akan dilaksanakan jika bacaan Indeks Pencemaran Udara (IPU) berada pada tahap tidak sihat, iaitu melebihi 100 untuk tempoh 72 jam secara berterusan dan keadaan atmosfera serta awan sesuai.

"Berdasarkan perkembangan terkini, keadaan cuaca berjerebu dijangka berterusan disebabkan tiupan angin Barat Daya yang membawa asap dari kawasan yang mengalami kebakaran di Sumatera dan Kalimantan di Indonesia," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini, hari ini.

Katanya, berdasarkan cerapan satelit pada Jumaat menunjukkan terdapat 304 titik panas dikesan di Sumatera, Kalimantan sebanyak 25 titik panas dan Semenanjung Malaysia hanya satu.

"Peningkatan bilangan titik panas di Sumatera dan Kalimantan dan keadaan cuaca yang agak kering pada tempoh beberapa hari lepas telah mengakibatkan berlakunya keadaan jerebu yang agak teruk di Sarawak dan beberapa negeri di Semenanjung," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata Malaysia dijangka mengalami cuaca kering, Monsun Barat Daya hingga hujung bulan ini.

Setakat pukul 10 malam tadi, sebanyak 17 kawasan mencatatkan bacaan IPU tidak sihat di seluruh negara.



Cloud seeding on the cards

PETALING JAYA: The Meteorological Department is ready to do cloud seeding as the haze situation in Klang Valley and Kuala Lumpur continues to worsen.

Senior Meteorological office at the National Weather Centre, Dr Mohd Hisham Mohd Anip said cloud seeding will be performed if the haze situation persists over the next few days and atmosphere condition is more favourable.

"We are now on standby to do cloud seeding and will do so if the haze persists and the atmosphere becomes more conducive. We need the atmosphere to have more clouds and rising air," he told *theSun*.

He added that the department is expecting the haze to reduce in the next few days following the wind directions.

On Sunday at 5pm, 19 areas in Malaysia recorded an unhealthy reading in the Air Pollutant Index (API) on the department's website, with the highest reading at Bukit Rambai, Malacca (169), followed by Banting, Selangor (168) and Bandaraya Melaka (166)

Meanwhile, Health Ministry deputy director-general Datuk Dr Jeyaindran Sinnadurai said the public should avoid outdoor activities and try to stay indoors.

"If outdoor activities cannot be avoided please use a 3-ply nose and mouth mask, drink lots of water and wash your face and hands after outdoor activities," he told *theSun*.

API readings as at 5pm on September 13, 2015

1. Bukit Rambai, Malacca - 169
2. Banting, Selangor - 168
3. Bandaraya Melaka, Malacca - 166
4. Nilai, Negri Sembilan - 161
5. Port Dickson, Negri Sembilan - 160
6. Putrajaya - 156
7. Port Klang, Selangor - 155
8. Seremban, Negri Sembilan - 155
9. Shah Alam, Selangor - 151
10. Muar, Johor - 147
11. Petaling Jaya, Selangor - 144
12. Batu Muda, Kuala Lumpur - 131

13. Labuan - 129
14. Samarahan, Sarawak - 128
15. Kuching, Sarawak - 118
16. Kuala Selangor, Selangor -112
17. Sri Aman, Sarawak - 110
18. Pasir Gudang, Johor - 105
19. Sarikei, Sarawak - 101