

**KERATAN AKHBAR-AKHBAR TEMPATAN**  
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**KERATAN AKHBAR**  
**MINGGUAN MALAYSIA (DALAM NEGERI) : MUKA SURAT 14**  
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## Cuaca panas dijangka berterusan

**KUALA LUMPUR 12 Mac** - Fenomena El Nino yang menyebabkan peningkatan suhu di negara ini sejak Oktober tahun lalu dijangka akan berterusan sehingga pertengahan tahun ini.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia, Datuk Che Gayah Ismail berkata, cuaca panas yang melanda kini disebabkan ketika ini negara sedang berada di penghujung musim Monsun Timur Laut dengan tambahan fenomena El Nino yang membawa peningkatan suhu.

"Beberapa kawasan akan mengalami cuaca kering dan kekurangan hujan, walaupun bagaimanapun kekuatan Fenomena El

Nino ini telah mengalami penurunan.

"Kita perlu ingat juga kedatangan musim Monsun Barat Daya pada Mei ini dijangka akan membawa cuaca yang panas dan suhu kering," katanya ketika dihubungi di sini hari ini.

Sehubungan itu, beliau berkata, orang ramai diminta supaya tidak melakukan aktiviti pembakaran terbuka dan banyak meminum air bagi mengelakkan dehidrasi.

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**CHE GAYAH ISMAIL**

cuaca panas luar biasa berpanjangan sejak beberapa hari lalu menyebabkan penggunaan elektrik mencatatkan paras tertinggi di Semenanjung Malaysia iaitu 17,175 megaWatt (mW) ketika waktu puncak pada Rabu lepas.

Dalam satu kenyataan Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), gelombang haba yang disebabkan oleh fenomena cuaca El Nino menyaksikan permintaan pengguna untuk bekalan tenaga sejak Isnin

melempi mW. paras had puncak iaitu 17,000



KERATAN AKHBAR  
HARIAN METRO (SETEMPAT) : MUKA SURAT 23  
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# Jerebu kembali?

■ Cuaca panas dorong peningkatan suhu 0.5 hingga 2 darjah Celsius

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**K**adaan cuaca panas serta kering pada masa ini memberi kesan ketara kepada pengurangan taburan hujan sebanyak 20 hingga 60 peratus di kawasan Semenanjung dan Sabah sehingga akhir bulan depan.

Timbalan Ketua Pengarah (Cuaca dan Iklim) Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (MetMalaysia) Alui Bahari berkata, kesan fenomena El Nino yang berlaku sejak Oktober lalu mengakibatkan kebanyakan tempat di negara ini kering dan kurang taburan hujan sehingga menyumbang kepada kebarangkalian

**FAKTA**  
Taburan hujan  
merosot 20  
hingga 60 peratus

berlaku jerebu tempatan.

"Kebanyakan kawasan mengalami peningkatan suhu antara 0.5 dan 2 darjah Celsius di samping pengurangan hujan sehingga 60 peratus sehingga akhir April.

"Ketika fenomena ini, negara kita bukan saja mengalami hujan berkurangan, tetapi peningkatan suhu serta peredaran angin lemah yang secara tidak langsung menyumbang kepada berlakunya jerebu tempatan berpunca daripada zarah ter-

ampai berterbangan di udara pada ketika ini.

"Bagaimanapun, ia tidak seteruk mana dan biasanya berlaku dalam tempoh sementara saja," katanya ketika dihubungi Metro Ahad, semalam.

Sementara itu, menerusi

tinjauan cuaca daripada MetMalaysia sepanjang Mac ini Perlis, Kedah, Pulau Pinang, utara Perak, Kelantan dan utara Terengganu dijangka menerima hujan kurang (menurun 40 hingga 60 peratus) berbanding purata bulanan.

KANAK-kanak memakai topi berikutan cuaca panas disebabkan fenomena El Nino.





KERATAN AKHBAR  
THE STAR (NATION) : MUKA SURAT 3  
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## Heatwave has Malaysians seeking cooler climes

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**PETALING JAYA:** Malaysians are hiding from the heatwave ... in their homes, offices, shopping malls and wherever there is air-conditioning.

Chan Ren Cheian, 25, who works with a publishing company, sought refuge in his air-conditioned office at 11am yesterday although his shift was starting only at 6pm.

"I couldn't stop perspiring even after taking a cold shower," said Chan, who lives in a small, non air-conditioned rented room in SS2 here.

According to the **Meteorological Department**, the temperature in Petaling Jaya at 4pm was 34°C, while Ipoh recorded 36°C; Alor Setar 37°C; Malacca 36°C and 38°C in Chuping, Perlis.

Post-graduate student Sin Tien Tan, 25, said he had been spending most of the past few days in his university's library.

"I used to go to the library only to borrow or return books. But now I am also doing Internet research in the library," said Sin.

He added that there were also more people than usual in the library now, compared to previously.

Teacher Liew Nyuk Hsia, 32, will be hopping on a plane to Kuching for the school holidays to escape the heat.

"On *accuweather.com*, it says the temperature there is only 25°C, so it sounds like a good place to get away from the heat," said Liew, who will be there from



today till Saturday.

Sunway Shopping Malls chief executive officer and a Malaysian Shopping Mall Association adviser H.C. Chan said there would usually be an increase in the number

of people in the malls during hot days.

"Generally, when it is hot, people want to go somewhere cool, comfortable and relaxing," said Chan.



**Temperature test:** It's so hot these days that an egg left on a car dashboard will cook (inset).

Personal financial consultant Kelvin Wong, 28, had been putting off spending RM300 to tint his car but now, the weather has pushed him to get it done.

"I can't stand the heat anymore, so I've fully tinted the car," he said.

As for undergraduate Chester Wong, 22, he is spending more time in the bathroom to take more cold showers.

"On a normal day, I only shower twice a day. But now, I'm taking nearly four to six cold showers a day," he added.



# No water rationing yet

## SPAN urges households to begin conservation efforts

**PETALING JAYA:** There will not be any water rationing for now but conservation efforts should begin, warns the National Water Services Commission (SPAN).

The commission's corporate communications director Carol Pelly said SPAN was constantly working with water operators to monitor dam levels.

She said these operators would submit a request to carry out water rationing and SPAN would review the request and give its approval if it was deemed necessary.

"We will give reasonable amount

of warning if water rationing is to be implemented," Pelly said.

On Friday, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Wilfred Madius Tangau said scorching heat was forecast on March 20.

He said the current hot spell could cause a heat wave if the temperature exceeded 35°C for five straight days or 37°C for three consecutive days.

Pelly said during the current hot spell, it was important for the people to use water sparingly and conserve as much as possible.

"Storing rain water to water

plants will also allow treated water to be used for more urgent needs like cooking and drinking," she added.

She also encouraged industrial users to review their current water management practices.

"They should promote good and efficient water usage, recycle water or even use alternative sources."

Association of Water and Energy Research Malaysia president S. Piarapakaran said even though the inter-monsoon season was expected in April, authorities should start preparing for the worst.

"What if the dry season persists longer than predicted?"

"When there is a severe dry season, clouds are hard to come by and cloud-seeding cannot be carried out," he said, adding that cloud-seeding should be done before a crisis sets in.

Recently, Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan was among the first to sound the alarm, urging consumers to be prudent with water usage as the levels were critical in five of the state's dams, namely Sg Terip, Kelingi, Talang, Teriang and Sg Beringin.



## **El Nino, Dry Weather Can Contribute To Local Haze - Meteorological Dept**

KUALA LUMPUR, March 12 (Bernama) -- El Nino that has prevailed since October last year and the dry weather associated with it could contribute to incidents of haze in the country, according to the Meteorological Department.

The department's deputy director-general (Weather and Climate), Alui Bahari said haze would occur when particulate matter from industry activities and motorised vehicles fill the air, minimising visibility.

"Nevertheless, local haze will not be severe and is only temporary," he told Bernama when contacted.

On the current exceptionally hot spell, he explained that the country was seeing the end of the Northeast Monsoon season that would last till early April.

During the period, certain areas experience dry weather and lack of rain coupled with El Nino which see the temperature rising by 0.5 to 2.0 degrees celsius, he said.

Weather forecasts and related information can be obtained through the department's website at <http://www.met.gov.my/>.

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