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Sistem Tekanan Rendah Punca Banjir Di Sarawak

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Mac (Bernama) -- Hujan lebat menyebabkan banjir di Kuching, Serian dan Samarahan di Sarawak berpunca daripada sistem tekanan rendah yang berada di kawasan negeri itu dan Kalimantan, yang menggalakkan aktiviti pembentukan awan hujan.

Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau berkata keadaan hujan lebat semenjak semalam, dijangka berterusan sehingga esok.

"Bagaimanapun Langkawi dan Arau masih mencatat bilangan hari tanpa hujan tertinggi sehingga semalam iaitu 45 hari di Langkawi, diikuti Arau 40 hari," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini, hari ini.

Beliau juga berkata Alor Setar dan Chuping kini masih dilanda gelombang haba dengan suhu tertinggi sehingga 4 petang hari ini iaitu 38.6C di Alor Setar diikuti oleh Chuping dengan bacaan 38.3C.

Menurut laporan Jabatan Meteorologi pada 8 Mac lepas, cuaca panas berikutan fenomena El Nino yang dialami sekarang, diramal kembali normal pada Jun.

-- BERNAMA

Schools in Kedah, Perlis close

RIISING: This is because temperatures have reached 38°C, says minister

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THE Education Ministry has ordered schools in Kedah and Perlis to close today because of the hot weather.

Schools in Perlis will also be closed tomorrow. Friday is a weekend in Kedah.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said the schools

needed to close after temperatures reached 38.2°C.

"We have been monitoring the situation since Monday and found that temperatures in Kedah and Perlis have been increasing.

"Today (yesterday) is the worst, with temperatures reaching 38.2°C," he said at the state Education Department office here yesterday.

The Meteorological Department had recently announced that temperatures in Kedah and Perlis were

expected to remain as high as 39°C until the end of the week.

The cabinet had announced that schools would close if temperatures surpassed 37°C for 72 hours.

Schools in Kedah and Perlis were also ordered to close on March 21, affecting 853 schools and 413,786 students.

In Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur Hospital Emergency and Trauma Department head Datuk Seri Dr Abu Hassan

Asaari Abdullah warned the public to take heatstroke seriously because it could lead to death if untreated.

Dr Abu Hassan said a person could die of heatstroke within three hours of suffering from heat exhaustion.

"From heat exhaustion to heatstroke, the period is very short, only one to three hours.

"If a person who was marching collapsed due to heat exhaustion, you have to

quickly bring the person to a cold room, take off his or her clothes and shoes and bring his or her temperature down," he said, referring to the March 16 death of police trainee Aziz Anwar, 23, at the Police Training Centre in Segamat.

Meteorological Department officer Ambun Dindang said maximum temperatures of between 37°C and 39°C were forecast for the next few weeks nationwide.

Page 1 pic: SK Seri Indera teacher Ahmad Razif Abd Rahman, 35, putting up a notice on the school's closure today and tomorrow, in Kangar, Perlis, yesterday.

