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LAMPIRAN 1
THE STAR (NATION): MUKA SURAT 10
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Experts: Current heat wave due to Pabuk

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PETALING JAYA: A heat wave is currently hitting Malaysia, with weather experts saying that it could have been brought on by tropical storm Pabuk.

Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) director-general Alui Bahari said the hot spell over the past week was due to the changes in wind directions in the region.

"The wind direction changes were influenced by the tropical storm, which had moved from the South China Sea since Jan 1 to the Bay of Bengal.

"The wind heading towards the storm caused a reduction in moisture and rain cloud formation in the interior and west of Peninsular Malaysia during that time," he said.

Alui said he expected the hot spell to be temporary and that the weather would gradually go back to normal.

A check on the MetMalaysia website showed several parts in the country could be hit by blazing hot weather this week.

Temperatures in Kuala Lumpur, Alor Setar, Melaka, Batu Pahat, Kota Kinabalu and



Beating the heat: Tourists cooling down with coconut water after visiting Batu Caves Temple in Selangor.

Bintulu could hit between 32°C and 34°C.

However, most of these locations are expected to experience lightning storms and rain in the evening.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's professor of Climatology and Oceanography Prof Dr Fredolin Tangang agreed that Pabuk might

have contributed slightly to the hot spell.

"Pabuk may have a little effect on the current weather as much of the moisture was transported away.

"But the hot weather is mostly caused by changes in the atmospheric circulation over Peninsular Malaysia and the west Indian Ocean due to the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO)," he said.

The MJO is a phenomenon in which a low pressure system crosses eastward from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

"Without evaporative cooling, surface air temperature increases and this is what we're currently experiencing.

"Currently, the MJO is in its seventh or eighth phase, resulting in dry and hot weather conditions," he said, adding that such weather was "less typical" during this season.

Universiti Malaya's Institute of Ocean and Earth Sciences senior research fellow Prof Datuk Dr Azizan Abu Samah said the hot and dry season usually begins in February.

"Northern states such as Kelantan and Penang may be experiencing winds from Siberia.

"But the current heat wave is also due to the clearer skies across the country," he said.



LAMPIRAN 2
THE STAR (NATION): MUKA SURAT 14
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Dialogue on Lynas' radioactivity needed to allay fears

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PETALING JAYA: A public forum on the radioactivity of residue produced by the Lynas plant is needed as the issue had been sensationalised, says Universiti Malaya Professor of Medical Physics Prof Dr Ng Kwan Hoong.

He said more should be done to improve the public's scientific knowledge of the radioactivity of the residue from the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP) in Gebeng, Kuantan.

There has been a lack of public engagement on the matter which has resulted in too much misunderstanding, he said.

Engagement sessions must be

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Prof Dr Ng Kwan Hoong

organised to allow the government, Lynas Corporation, scientists and members of the public to dialogue, he added.

“Residents want a chance to voice their concerns and to have their

fear and anxiety put to rest.

“There has been a trust deficit which takes many years to rebuild,” he said.

Radiation is seen as negative by the public, he added, although radioactivity has been in existence since the earth was formed.

“There has been primordial radionuclide (atoms with excessive energy) in existence for aeons,” he said, adding that this includes thorium, uranium, actinium and potassium.

“Even the coffee we drink has some amount of radioactivity. Radiation is not something to be feared,” he said.

He added that the controversial water leach purification (WLP) residue from LAMP is about 6-7 Bq (Becquerel = unit of radioactivity)

per gramme.

Although the level requires the residue needs to be regulated by the Atomic Energy Licensing Board (AELB), he said, the radioactivity was low compared to waste produced by nuclear power plants:

The Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Ministry (Mestecc), had recently instructed Lynas to export the WLP residue out of Malaysia.

Prof Ng said other types of residue produced by LAMP, which are the neutralisation underflow residue (NUF) and the flue gas sulphurisation residue (FGD), measure to less than 1 Bq/g.

He added however that Lynas Corp should provide real time information on the background radia-

tion at the plant site and its vicinity.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), a global organisation promoting the safe use of nuclear energy, had reported in 2014 that the radiological risks associated with LAMP operations were “intrinsically low”.

Prof Ng said it would not be possible to guarantee that there are no risks, but these must be weighed against the potential benefits.

“There is no such thing as zero harm in this world, but what we must do is ensure that the level of risk must be as low as reasonably-achievable,” he said.

Prof Ng has over 25 years of experience consulting for the IAEA and is serving as its consultant in the Fukushima recovery programme.

LAMPIRAN 3
BERITA HARIAN (BISNES): MUKA SURAT 19
TARIKH: 8 JANUARI 2019 (SELASA)

PROTOTAIP KERETA NASIONAL KETIGA

Dana RM20 juta diperuntuk

➔ Kementerian sudah kenal pasti vendor berminat

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Kementerian Pembangunan Usahawan (MED) memperuntukkan sehingga RM20 juta bagi membangunkan prototaip kereta nasional ketiga yang sebahagian besarnya adalah daripada pelaburan vendor.

Prototaip itu dijangka dilancarkan pada suku pertama 2019.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan Yusof berkata, setakat ini Kementerian telah mengenal pasti beberapa vendor yang berminat untuk membangunkan prototaip kereta nasional ketiga itu.

Katanya, vendor yang menunjukkan minat itu kebanyakannya sudah mempunyai dana sendiri bagi menjalankan kerja serta proses untuk membina prototaip kereta nasional ketiga.

"Jadi tidak timbul isu dana itu dari mana kerana mereka sendiri sudah mempunyai dana untuk menjalankan projek ini, malah di pihak Kementerian sendiri kita telah meluluskan dana sebanyak RM20 juta.

"Malah, terdapat juga bantuan geran sedia ada oleh Kementerian yang mana ia dapat menjadi pemangkin dan membantu dalam usaha yang akan dijalankan oleh vendor ini.

"Mereka juga mempunyai kepakaran dalam pelbagai bidang dalam sektor automotif dan kita yakin mereka dapat menghasilkan prototaip yang baik," katanya pada sidang media selepas merasmikan Program LESTARI, kerjasama antara MED dan PETRONAS di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

Hadir sama, Ketua Setiausaha MED, Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi serta Presiden dan Ketua

Pegawai Eksekutif PETRONAS, Tan Sri Wan Zulkiflee Wan Arifin.

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Koordinasi Projek Kereta Nasional Baru (NNCP) pada 12 Oktober dan 14 Disember tahun lalu bersetuju Kumpulan Industri-Kerajaan Bagi Teknologi Tinggi Malaysia (MIGHT) dijadikan penyelaras kepada Kementerian yang terbahit dalam projek ini.

Pacu pertumbuhan ekonomi negara

Selain MED, Kementerian berkaitan adalah Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Kementerian Pengangkutan serta Kementerian Tenaga, Sains, Teknologi, Alam Sekitar dan Perubahan Iklim.

Mohd Redzuan berkata, projek itu juga dilihat dapat memacu pertumbuhan ekonomi negara dan membangunkan vendor tempatan ke arah bertaraf global dan lebih kompetitif.

"Usaha ini jika dilaksanakan secara bertepatan, akhirnya akan memberikan impak positif serta menjadikan industri automotif

tempatan lebih mampan di perisai dunia," katanya.

Menurutnya, projek kereta nasional ini mempunyai pendekatan berbeza dengan pengeluaran kereta nasional sedia ada.

MED sedang mengenalpasti vendor automotif yang berminat dalam pembangunan NNCP menerusi portal NNCP di laman web Kementerian.

Antara kategori berkaitan adalah pembinaan logam dan plastik, petrokimia dan peleburan, pembinaan besi, industri sokongan dan pemasangan.

Sementara itu, Mohd Redzuan berkata Program LESTARI yang ditubuhkan melalui kerjasama MED dan PETRONAS akan memberi peluang kepada usahawan Bumiputera untuk terbahit dalam sektor perkhidmatan serta peralatan minyak dan gas (OGSE) dalam negara.

Beliau berkata, Program LESTARI adalah kesinambungan komitmen berterusan PETRONAS bagi memperkasakan usahawan Bumiputera, selain menjadi penanda aras kepada entiti perniagaan yang lain.

[FOTO BERNAMA]

Mohd Redzuan (tengah) bersama Wan Suraya (tiga dari kiri) dan Wan Zulkiflee (tiga dari kanan) selepas merasmikan Program LESTARI, kerjasama antara MED dan PETRONAS di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.



LAMPIRAN 4
BERITA HARIAN (BISNES): MUKA SURAT 20
TARIKH: 8 JANUARI 2019 (SELASA)

Projek rintis jalur lebar TNB lancar

Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM) optimis projek rintis sistem rangkaian jalur lebar berkelajuan tinggi dengan kemudahan teknologi gantian optik Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) di Jasin, Melaka mampu memenuhi hasrat kerajaan mengembangkan infrastruktur jalur lebar negara.

Pengerusinya, Al-Ishsal Ishak berkata badan itu dan Kementerian Komunikasi dan Multimedia berpuas hati dengan perkembangan fasa pertama projek rintis itu bagi tempoh Oktober hingga Disember lalu yang memabitkan aspek kesalinghubungan dan teknikal.

“Dalam tempoh itu, TNB dan beberapa pembekal perkhidmatan internet (ISP) berjaya melancarkan rangkaian itu tepat pada masa selain mencapai aspek susunan perdagangan yang boleh ditawarkan,” katanya dalam temu bual dengan organisasi media menjelang lawatan tapak SKMM ke Jasin hari ini.

Projek rintis itu dilaksanakan menerusi inisiatif Pelan Gantian Optik dan Kesalinghu-

bugan Negara (NFCP) yang diumumkan dalam Belanjaan 2019. Kerajaan menyedikan peruntukan RM1 bilion bagi pelaksanaan NFCP.

Menurut laporan sebelum ini, projek rintis itu melibatkan 1,100 kediaman di tiga kawasan di Jasin iaitu Taman Merbau, Taman Maju dan Felda Kemendor.

Sebaik fasa kedua projek rintis itu selesai mengikut jangkaan pada Mac ini, hasilnya akan diteliti dan satu pelan akan diketengahkan untuk direplikasi di lokasi lain di seluruh negara.

Sokong ekonomi digital, Revolusi Industri 4.0

Melalui NFCP, kerajaan antara lain berhasrat memastikan rakyat berpeluang menikmati pelbagai perkhidmatan melalui capaian infrastruktur jalur lebar berkualiti tinggi pada harga berpatutan selain menyokong perkembangan ekonomi digital dan Revolusi Industri 4.0.

Menurut Al-Ishsal, Jasin dianggap sesuai untuk mensimulasikan rangkaian fiber ke kawasan-kawasan yang berbeza dari segi demografi



Jasin adalah kawasan projek perintis sedia ada untuk projek pementeran pintar TNB”

Al-Ishsal Ishak,
Pengerusi SKMM

dan jenis premis termasuk rumah, rumah teres dan penempatan Felda.

Selain itu, terdapat kawasan komersial dan perindustrian di Jasin di mana ada permintaan untuk perkhidmatan jalur lebar berkelajuan tinggi.

“Faktor lain yang dipertimbangkan ialah tentang hakikat bahawa perkhidmatan jalur lebar tetap yang sedia ada di Jasin adalah menerusi rangkaian tembaga,” kata Al-Ishsal sambil menyatakan bahawa Jasin adalah kawasan projek perintis sedia ada untuk projek pementeran pintar TNB.

BERNAMA



LAMPIRAN 5
NEW STRAITS TIMES (LETTERS): MUKA SURAT 16
TARIKH: 8 JANUARI 2019 (SELASA)

FUTURE GENERATION

We need to prepare youth for the fourth revolution

THE *Transformers* and *Terminator* film franchises have brought us to the realm of the impossible, where robots are like human beings — they can walk, talk and behave like one. But in this century everything is possible.

The creation of the robot “Sophia” in 2016, for instance, has proven that everything is possible in this modern era. In the film *The 6th Day* by Roger Spottiswoode, the theory of human cloning seems far-fetched until the achievement by Dr Ian Wilmut from Scotland in 1997.

He produced Dolly, the first cloned sheep that made headlines all over the world.

Thus, the Industrial Revolution 4.0, or 4IR, will produce vast changes in various sectors.

Education, business, transfer of technology and the profes-

sional sectors could be affected by 4IR. The first industrial revolution began in 1760 when hand-production machines were replaced by machines and factory tools that used steam and water power.

The second revolution saw mass production involving the use of electricity. Electronics, information and technology systems and robotics started in the third revolution, and 4IR is the use of cloud technology.

The sector that will benefit most from 4IR is the construction industry. In Malaysia, an example of this is the Building Information Modelling. This intelligent 3D model-based process gives architecture, engineering, and construction professionals the insight and tools to plan, design, construct, and manage

buildings and infrastructure more efficiently.

Another approach is the Highway Information Modelling (HIM). HIM is used as a specialist project monitoring tool to visualise, control and track the contractor's progress to make sure that he complies with the design requirement. This helps construction players minimise errors during the construction stage and helps reduce cost.

The 3D printing system used by architects to produce a small-scale prototype has been transformed to be used in mass construction projects. In China, 3D printing is used to build a house.

In addition, the use of Industrialised Building System can minimise the cost of labour and speed up the project comple-

tion.

4IR can bring advantages to certain areas. It is expected to make changes to people's lives, work and communication. But it will be a worrying time for the incoming generation because many of the jobs will become obsolete. The X and Y generations may survive the revolution, but generation Z and the following generations will face challenging times.

According to the World Economic Forum, 65 per cent of children in primary education will end up working in jobs that haven't been created.

A 2013 research by Oxford University showed that obsolete jobs included data entry, library technicians, accounts clerks, photographic process workers, processing machine operator, tax

preparer, cargo and freight agents, horologists, insurance underwriters, mathematical technicians, title examiners, abstractors, searchers and telemarketers. It is expected that 46.4 per cent of jobs in manufacturing, 32.3 per cent in finance and 44 per cent in wholesale and retail will be gone by 2030.

The most challenging will be in the education sector. This sector must revise needs and demands, and make changes to the education system to cater to the future. Future generations need to be prepared to adapt to the changes brought by 4IR.

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LAMPIRAN 6
KOSMO (NIAGA): MUKA SURAT 46
TARIKH: 8 JANUARI 2019 (SELASA)

Projek rintis TNB di Melaka perluas rangkaian jalur lebar

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Pengerusi MCMC, Al-Ishsal Ishak (**gambar**) berkata, badan itu dan Kementerian Komunikasi dan Multimedia berpuas

hati dengan perkembangan fasa pertama projek rintis tersebut bagi tempoh Oktober hingga Disember lalu yang melibatkan aspek kesalinghubungan dan teknikal.

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Menurut Al-Ishsal, Jasin dianggap sesuai untuk mensimulasikan rangkaian gentian ke kawasan yang berbeza dari segi demografi dan jenis premis termasuk rumah, rumah teres dan penempatan Felda. - Bernama

LAMPIRAN 7
THE STAR (VIEWS): MUKA SURAT 17
TARIKH: 8 JANUARI 2019 (SELASA)

> **Plastic problems**

While I wish to support the use of biodegradable plastics, these plastics are not very strong, especially in holding heavier rubbish, so I often have to use a double layer. So what is the point? It comes back to square one, which is wasting plastic bags. Why can't local councils bring back communal dustbins? You hardly see them nowadays. In the past they were everywhere and you did not find rampant littering around residential areas. - J.Q.

In educating the public to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags, the government must lead by example. In this regard, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye's comments that city and town council contractors must also comply with the plastic bag ruling when clearing garden refuse and debris are very appropriate and must be heeded ("Authorities must walk the talk", Views, *The Star*; online at tinyurl.com/star-plastics).
- Amir

LAMPIRAN 8 THE STAR (STARLIFESYCLE): MUKA SURAT 7 TARIKH: 8 JANUARI 2019 (SELASA)



Part of the area under the houses of Sungai Satu on the first day of the project (left) and on the last day (right). — MPMA.

Six inches of trash

Cleaning out the trash from the Sungai Satu village on Pulau Ketam was a rather Herculean task.

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IT all started with a Star2 story published on July 18 last year ("Towards a positive change", online at tinyurl.com/star-mark-lee).

The article was about Malaysian director/producer Mark Lee becoming a finalist in the Picture This Festival For The Planet film competition organised by Sony Pictures Television Networks, in partnership with the United Nations Foundation.

His three-and-a-half minute short titled *Mr Garbage*, revolved around fisherman-turned-aircon technician Chua Hock Boon and environmentalist Loh Keat Geok, who were doing all they could to clean Pulau Ketam of its accumulated trash.

Pulau Ketam is an island off the coast of Port Klang, Selangor, which houses a handful of fishing villages and is infamous for the trash that has piled up under its stilted houses over the years. Lee is quoted in the article, explaining, "Like all other islands on the planet, the issue of waste management continues."

"What makes this 63sq km island different from any other island is that it is in reality a mudflat. The island has no roads, so there are no garbage trucks.

"Even if trash is collected, there is no land to dump it on, so the villagers created a dumpsite. However, the dumpsite can no longer sustain and accommodate the volume of waste produced."

When Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association (MPMA) president Datuk Lim Kok Boon read this story, he was inspired to contact Chua, the eponymous Mr Garbage, to see if the association could help out.

What eventually materialised was a month-long clean-up project of one of the fishing villages on the island, called Sungai Satu, organ-



Volunteers cleaning out a muddy area. — FAIHAN GHANI/The Star

ised by MPMA and sponsored by one of its members, Scientex Bhd, over October last year.

Tons of trash

Says Lim: "MPMA has done a few beach clean-ups, but we realise that this place, Pulau Ketam, has a much bigger challenge."

"Why? Because it is very close to the mainland. So, 80% of marine litter comes from land sources, and 20% comes from the ocean.

"And because this island is very close to the mainland, a lot of the things that get washed on the mainland into the drain, into the ocean, gets floated here.

"So this island becomes the catchment for some of this — some of it is from here, but mostly, we believe it comes from all around the surrounding area."

The association realised that it would be impossible to clean all the waterfront areas of the entire island, so they chose the village of Sungai Satu, as it was "the most severely affected place".

On the first day they arrived, Lim says they were so surprised by the amount of garbage under the houses that they wondered if their idea, called the MPMA-Scientex

Sustainability Project, was even feasible.

He describes how they took a stick and stuck it into the ground to see how much trash there was. The stick went in six inches deep.

"It was a big challenge, and we realised it couldn't be done in one day," he says.

The village was then divided into five zones for the clean-up process. During low tide when the ground under the houses is exposed, the volunteers from Scientex and among the local residents, as well as hired workers, would go down to pick up the rubbish.

During high tide when the sea water comes in and helps wash out the rubbish under the houses, the volunteers would use long-handled nets to scoop up the floating garbage.

"We collect it, then we segregate it into recyclable and non-recyclable," explains Lim.

"Once whatever is recyclable is sorted out, we actually clean it and send it to a recycling centre that is on this island."

He adds that this is to create a circular economy where products, once used, can be given a new life, ie recycled, as another product.

Breaking it down

The different types of waste picked up during the MPMA-Scientex Sustainability Project on Pulau Ketam.



Source: Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association (MPMA) ©The Star Graphics

Meanwhile, the items that are non-recyclable were transported off the island by a waste concessionaire and disposed of in the Jeram Sanitary Landfill on the mainland in Kapar, Selangor.

They also picked up a lot of natural waste like driftwood and small branches.

While these are natural in nature, Lim explains that they can become a danger when they, for example, get caught in boat propellers, as the residents of Pulau Ketam frequently use boats for transport and work.

In total, the project managed to clear up a total of 9,86kg of marine litter from the village. (See *Breaking it down* above.)

Long-term effort

However, the association is well aware that a one-time clean-up is merely a short-term solution.

"Obviously, we realise there will be continued littering. We want the government, we want the public, we want everyone to understand, 'Do not litter'."

"But despite all the messages sent out, we recognise there will still be some people who will be ignorant of the whole thing, and so we will have litter."

"So we want to ensure that this effort continues," says Lim.

As the area beneath the houses is the most difficult to clean, the association has set up nets hanging from the bottom of the houses to the ground, to prevent rubbish from floating under the houses during high tide.

In addition, booms made out of large half-filled plastic water bottles encased and joined together

with netting have been tied between the sea-facing houses.

"When there is a high tide, the boom floats up — it will now stop garbage from going under the houses. Then when the tide recedes, it will go down and the rubbish will be collected in one area."

"So all you have to do is to walk around the area and pick it up," he explains.

Chua had previously made some cages and put them around the island for the residents to put their recyclable trash.

The association has provided him with funding to make more of those cages so that they can be placed in more areas around the island, making it more convenient for the islanders to recycle.

In addition, they designed a broad, low trolley, which Chua can hook to his motorbike to take the recyclable trash to the recycling centre.

Previously, he had been manually pushing the full cages to and from the centre. Now, all he has to do is empty the recyclables into a big net, place it on the trolley and pull it behind his motorbike.

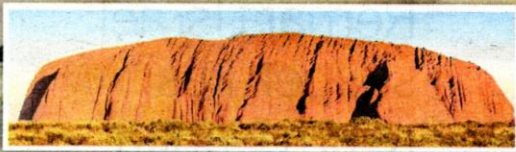
All the tools used during the project, like the scoops (also made by Chua, a "very versatile man" as described by Lim) and secondhand blue drums used to contain the rubbish, have been left for the residents to help maintain the cleanliness of their area.

"We will also be doing a 3R (reduce, reuse, recycle) programme with the residents here," says Lim, adding that this programme will reach out to the other villages on the island, including the local students.

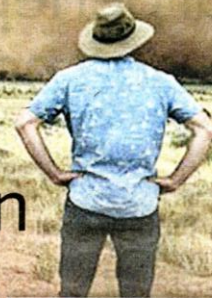


LAMPIRAN 9 KOSMO (DUNIA): MUKA SURAT 41 TARIKH: 8 JANUARI 2019 (SELASA)

AGENSI
RIBUT pasir itu setinggi 20 meter dan seolah-olah mempunyai bentuk seperti Ayers Rock.



AGENSI
INILAH Ayers Rock terletak di Wilayah Utara, tengah Australia.



Ribut pasir merah kelihatan seperti Ayers Rock

NYNGAN, Australia

– Rancangan sebuah keluarga mahu mengembara sempena sambutan Tahun Baru tergendala apabila laluan mereka dihalang ribut pasir setinggi 20 meter dekat sini minggu lalu.

Katie McKid bersama suaminya, Rob Trepess dan anak perempuan mereka, Summer sedang memandu ke pekan Nyngan di tengah negeri New South Wales apabila ribut yang bentuknya seperti Ayers Rock itu melitupi jalan raya.

“Kami tidak mendapat sebarang makluman tentang ribut pasir di kawasan ini. Kami juga boleh melihat



kepulan pasir tinggi itu dari jauh,” kata McKid.

Ayers Rock ialah batu pasir besar setinggi 863 meter dari aras laut dan terletak di Wilayah Utara, tengah Australia.

Keluarga itu sempat mengambil beberapa keping gambar selepas berhenti di tepi jalan yang jaraknya jauh dari ribut tersebut. Lapisan debu dan pasir merah ditinggalkan ribut itu sepanjang 400 kilometer dari pekan Nyngan ke pekan Young.

Beberapa orang pengguna media sosial yang tinggal berhampiran turut berkongsi gambar ribut pasir dengan kelajuan angin 90 kilometer sejam itu.
– Agensi



AGENSI
KATIE (kiri) bergambar bersama keluarganya berlatar belakang ribut pasir merah berhampiran pekan Nyngan, Australia baru-baru ini.

LAMPIRAN 10
 THE STAR (WORLD): MUKA SURAT 25
 TARIKH: 8 JANUARI 2019 (SELASA)

Breadmaking robot startup eyes new markets

LAS VEGAS: The robot breadmaker came to Las Vegas this week, aiming to bring some freshness to a sector that may be ready for disruption.

Wilkinson Baking Company unveiled its BreadBot at the Consumer Electronics Show, a machine that mixes and bakes up to 235 loaves a day.

Chief executive Randall Wilkinson said the device can lower costs and produce fresher breads than are available in most American supermarkets.

"Consumers want the freshest thing possible, but when they go into the store they don't know when that bread was baked," said Wilkinson, a member of the family-owned firm in Walla Walla, Washington.

Wilkinson said the machine, which takes up as much room as a mid-sized car, has more automation technology than bread factories, and can produce at a far lower cost.

He noted that using in-store

robotic machines could eliminate the need for truck delivery, which accounts for as much as 45% of the cost of most bread.

This means profits could get a rise.

The company is in talks with major supermarket chains and also plans to deliver the robots to the US military for making buns on carrier fleets, Wilkinson said.

The bread robot – which was at a startup showcase on Sunday and will be on the show floor from today – joins a line of devices aimed at disrupting the food industry, including pizza-making robots and robotic baristas.

The current generation of BreadBot is designed for standard kinds of loaves but Wilkinson said the robots can be adapted for customised breads, even French baguettes.

"At some point you will be able to order a special loaf on your phone – you can add sunflower seeds, use less salt or whatever – and pick it up in an hour," he said. — AFP



Fresh loaves coming up: Wilkinson Baking Company's Eric Wilkinson showing the Breadbot, a robot breadmaker, at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. — Reuters

LAMPIRAN 11
 THE STAR (WORLD): MUKA SURAT 21
 TARIKH: 8 JANUARI 2019 (SELASA)

California storm causes power outages

LOS ANGELES: Tens of thousands of people lost power after a powerful winter storm swept through Northern California, while another storm system in the southern part of the state unleashed mudslides in wildfire burn areas and trapped motorists on a major highway.

The deluge loosened hillsides where a major blaze burned last year in and around Malibu, clogging the Pacific Coast Highway with mud and debris yesterday.

A stretch of the scenic route northwest of Los Angeles was expected to remain closed in both directions until yesterday while crews tow away stuck vehicles and clear lanes.

No injuries were reported.

The rapper Soulja Boy was among those whose cars were mired in the muck that was up to 1.2m deep in some areas.

He retweeted a photo of the mudslide and posted: "My car got stuck too almost went into the ocean", along with a prayer emoji.

An automated rain gauge in the western Santa Monica Mountains showed nearly 2cm of rainfall in one hour, said the National Weather Service.

"These are heavy rates," the weather service tweeted.

Up to 3.8cm of rain fell in coastal and valley areas, while mountain communities got heavy snow.

Flash flood watches and warnings were eventually lifted for areas burned by the fires that scorched over 404sq km of brush and timber acres in November, destroyed about 1,600 structures and claimed three lives.

The sun emerged in Los Angeles on Sunday and the red carpet for the evenings Golden Globe awards



Hazy day: High-rise buildings in downtown Los Angeles rising above clouds and mist following an overnight storm. — AP

were expected to remain dry.

Scattered showers were possible later in the night.

To the north, wind and rain forced delays or cancellations of flights out of San Francisco International Airport for a second day.

A wind advisory was in place until 10pm yesterday.

The San Francisco Bay Area could get up to 3.8cm of rain.

Strong winds and downed trees knocked out electricity for at least 80,000 customers across the Sacramento region on Sunday night.

The National Weather Service said on Sunday that winds gusted up to 79 kph.

Saturday's storm brought about 30cm of snow to the Sierra Nevada with twice that amount expected on Sunday. A winter storm warning was in effect until 4am yesterday.

Avalanche warnings were posted in parts of California, Nevada and Utah. The Sierra Avalanche Center issued a backcountry avalanche warning for the Lake Tahoe area stretching south into the Sierra along the California-Nevada line

from noon on Sunday until 7am yesterday.

The National Weather Service said blizzard conditions with gale-force winds could trigger widespread avalanche activity.

About 61cm of snow was reported at Mammoth Mountain 241km south of Tahoe. Over 30cm fell in the upper elevations around Tahoe.

Windstorms that pummelled parts of Washington state and Oregon over the weekend left hundreds of thousands of people without electricity. — AP