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LAMPIRAN 1
THE STAR (NEWS): MUKA SURAT 10
TARIKH: 22 FEBRUARI 2019 (JUMAAT)

Peat fire in Johan Setia still a concern

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RESIDENTS living around the peat soil area in Kampung Johan Setia, Klang, are calling for a long-term solution to put an end to the decade-long problem.

Among the areas affected are Kota Kemuning, Bandar Bukit Rimau, Bandar Puteri, Taman Sentosa, Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Bandar Botanic and Bandar Parklands.

"The burning happened again in January and I could smell it from where I live so I immediately made a report to the Environment Department (DoE).

"Officers there were really efficient as they sent a team down on the same day and confirmed that there was burning going on," said Kota Kemuning resident Lim Teck Wyn.

He added that the burning happened around 6am, adding that residents expected the problem to get worse during the current hot spell.

Lim added that most of the farmers who burn the peat or agricultural waste, would usually do so on weekends and public holidays and in the wee hours of the morning to avoid being caught.

"Once, I visited the site and saw a guy sitting in the car watching a big bonfire which I believed was agricultural waste."

Last year, Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Minister Yeo Bee Yin initiated an inter-agency standard operating procedure (SOP).

The SOP will see a task force formed and bring together various government agencies to tackle the persistent peat fire in Johan Setia.

Lim questioned when the task force and SOP by the ministry would be ready.



Notices have been put up to warn against open burning in Kampung Johan Setia. — Filepic

"There is uncertainty among many residents on who to call when the burning happens.

Resident Mohd Kamil Abdul Rahman also asked about the formation of the task force.

"Every time there is open burning we do not really know who to call because there are many different agencies involved," said the Bandar Putera 2 Residents Association chairman.

He said in the middle of last year, more than 10 children and babies were warded for respiratory issues due to open burning.

"Some residents have moved out due to this unresolved problem but for others like

me, we do not have the means to buy a new house," said Mohd Kamil.

There are eight phases in his neighbourhood, each with about 400 houses.

"We want a long-term solution immediately.

"I hope that action will be taken against the irresponsible farmers," he said.

Mohd Kamil proposed that the ministry consider turning the peat land into either a new development or a recreational space for residents.

When contacted, a spokesman from the ministry said the task force had not been formed yet as they were restructuring the Environment and Climate Change Division.

"Also, a comprehensive land ownership map of the area is still being developed and the last update received was that there were about 2,000 land owners," he said.

The mapping is crucial to determine who owns which portion of land.

He added that the ministry had tasked the relevant national and local authorities to compile a comprehensive map of the area which is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of this year.

"We need this information to see how the land can be best managed to optimise its use and benefit the surrounding community."

With the map, the ministry and state government can also see how much of the land can be used for recreational purposes like community farming or even a fishing pond.

Once the map is completed, enforcement officers will be able to take action against landowners whenever there is open burning.

The ministry would then be able to enforce the zero-burning clause where farmers will have to put out any fire themselves.

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Wong (right) says culprits keep returning to dump rubbish in the area. With her are (from left) Talib, residents Mohd Yatim Naim and Md Yunus Ali Mohammad as well as Nor Zulaila.



Construction waste dumped along Jalan CJ 13/3-3, Bandar Cheras Jaya.

Dirty roadside habit continues

Culprits throw rubbish at open area in Cheras Jaya despite regular clean-ups

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THE indiscriminate dumping of rubbish along Jalan CJ 13/3-3 in Bandar Cheras Jaya shows no signs of stopping.

Construction, industrial and domestic waste are left along the roadside and vacant land beside it.

During a site visit, Balakong assemblyman Wong Siew Ki said the roadside had been turned into a dumping ground for more than a year now.

She said this was unusual as it was left out in the open and not at hidden locations which was the norm.

The situation became worse during the first two days of Chinese New Year.

"There was no waste collection and more rubbish piled up," she said.

During the visit, KDEB Waste Sdn Bhd contractors were seen clearing the rubbish. A representative from the company said they began work in the morning, clearing about half of the rubbish, but when they returned after their lunch break, there

were more rubbish.

Wong said it was not part of KDEB's job scope to clean the roadside area but the company was doing it as a service to the community.

Wong is offering a reward of RM100 to anyone who can provide a photograph of the vehicle number of those dumping rubbish in the vicinity.

Cheras Jaya Phase 1 Residents Association secretary Talib Long said people living around the area were probably responsible.

He added that he would share the timetable for rubbish collection with residents.

Kajang Municipal Council (MPKJ) councillor Nor Zulaila Abd Ghani, who was also at the site, said a notice board would be put up to inform residents in the area of the timetable for the collection of both domestic and bulk waste, as well as contact numbers if the waste is not collected.

Nor Zulaila said MPKJ would ask the owner of the vacant land to clear the rubbish.

LAMPIRAN 3
NEW STRAITS TIMES (OPINION): MUKA SURAT 14
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NST LEADER**SUPERMOON**

Don't just be in awe

Cosmic events such as this tell us that there is a grand purpose to our existence

LAST Tuesday, Malaysians and others elsewhere who were within the lunar path had a chance to see the full moon at its closest point to the Earth. The astronomers call this point the perigee. Supermoon was just a full moon nearest to Earth until one Richard Nolle named it such in 1979. Another Supermoon will come our way on March 21. This and other cosmic events tell us one thing: we are not the only creation in the universe. There are other life forms in the vast expanse of the cosmos. Some of them we have been witness to on Earth. Others remain unobservable. Science tell us that the universe is 13.8 billion years old, but such things are a good guess at best. There are lots more that remain beyond the ken of scientists. The good news is that they have not given up wanting to know them.

We laymen must not give up, either. Malaysian teachers must use this and other cosmic phenomena to enthuse our young minds into science and maths. Phenomena such as Supermoons, equinoxes, comets and other such extraterrestrial spectacles must not just be seen as mere events in the night sky. There is considerable science behind it. Take the case of Supermoon. Firstly, its name. Many astronomers cringe when people talk of Supermoon. Perigee full moon is more to the point. Because, there is nothing super about the moon. It remains the same at perigee or apogee, the furthest point from Earth. It just has the appearance of being bigger or smaller, says Dr Noordin Ahmad, former director-general of the National Space Agency.

There is also plenty of folklore in such extraterrestrial events that science rejects. One such is that a Supermoon causes volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Our students must be made aware of this myth. Blame Supermoon's fables on its astrological pedigree made possible by Nolle and his ilk. What the Supermoon does, though, is cause higher-than-usual perigean tides because of its gravitational pull.

Laymen we may be, but we must not view such nightly spectacles as mere phenomena. If we do, we miss the point of it all. Surely, a more profound purpose lies behind the bright sky. Our teachers can help our students discover it by guiding their leap from the mundane to the elysian. Asking deep questions about the place of planets in the cosmic scheme of things is a good place to start. Starting from the Earth up, the teachers can aid our students make sense of planets, galaxies and stars. This is a stellar path to science and maths. Because, getting to know the universe helps answer the question: what is really going on up there?

There is a grand lesson here for humanity, too. We may be an insignificant dot compared to the mighty universe but our purpose here is larger than the spot we are described as. All the science above teaches us this: that there are other creations here and elsewhere. But first we must get to know humankind here.

Malaysian teachers must use this and other cosmic phenomena to enthuse our young minds into science and maths.

LAMPIRAN 4
THE STAR (STAR ASEAN+): MUKA SURAT 25
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Indonesia aims to be tech hub

Govt to improve regulatory framework related to digital economy

JAKARTA: In the near future, digital technology will deeply influence the country's development, said Rudy Salahuddin, an official from the Office of the Coordinating Economic Minister.

For that purpose, the government has vowed to issue or revise at least five regulations related to the sector. They are a government regulation on eCommerce, a personal data protection Bill and a tax office regulation on the eCommerce tax.

"The utilisation of digital technology will be nationwide," Rudy, who is the undersecretary for the creative economy, entrepreneurship and SME competitiveness said in a recent discussion.

"This requires a more comprehensive strategy in preparing Indonesia's development in the era of digitalisation."

His view is in line with a new report on



Indonesia's digital technology industry, which says the sector will become the largest supporter of the country's economy by 2030 by helping conventional industries open market

access online.

The report, which was carried out by AlphaBeta, the Hinrich Foundation and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), estimates that the digital trade sector could create 2.3 quadrillion rupiah (RM700bil) worth of economic opportunities by 2030 for the domestic economy alone.

The report titled *The Digital Komodo Dragon: How Indonesia can capture the digital trade opportunity at home and abroad*, said the figure was equivalent to 9% of Indonesia's projected gross domestic product.

Rudy said the draft regulation on eCommerce had been in the government's pipeline since 2015. However, its issuance had been delayed due to significant changes in the industry, thus constantly making the points in the draft irrelevant.

AlphaBeta associate Genevieve Lim, who

was involved in the report, said its projection comprised several sectors that could benefit from digital trade, such as agriculture and food, education and training, consumer goods and retail, infrastructure, resources, financial services, manufacturing and health.

Digital exports, she said, were expected to grow by a whopping 768% to 240 trillion rupiah (RM8.1bil) by 2030 from 28 trillion rupiah (RM8.1bil) two years ago, provided that Indonesia and its trade partners were willing to reduce barriers related to digital trade.

"Digital trade could help businesses... identify and enter new markets easily," Lim said earlier this week.

"(Physical) market identification used to be costly and risky, but now all an enterprise has to do is register through any existing (digital market) platform and begin selling." — The Jakarta Post/Asia News Network

LAMPIRAN 5
HARIAN METRO (GLOBAL): MUKA SURAT 47
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Bandar Lampung: Ratusan orang termasuk pelajar dan tentera 'dikerah' mengutip sampah yang menutup pantai Teluk Lampung, Indonesia, semalam dan dalam masa tiga jam mereka mengumpulkan 40 tan pelbagai jenis sampah.

Pelajar, tentera dan penduduk tempatan seramai kira-kira 200 orang mengutip plastik, serpihan kayu dan sampah lain yang dihanyutkan ke pantai itu, bukan saja menyakitkan mata memandang malah menjejaskan nelayan kerana sampah terbabit tersangkut pada pukat.

Kebanyakan sampah di Lampung itu dihanyutkan dari bandar utama wilayah berkenaan berikutan sikap penduduk yang tidak mengamalkan pembuangan sampah secara teratur.

Pelbagai kempen pembersihan dianjurkan sejak 2010 membabitkan seluruh Indonesia, negara kedua terbesar dunia penyebab sampah hanyut ke

Pelajar, askar dikerah bersihkan pantai



ANGGOTA polis Indonesia turut menyertai kempen membersihkan sampah dari Teluk Lampung di perkampungan Sukaraja dekat Bandar Lampung. - AFP

lautan selepas China.

Di Bali, masalah sampah terdampar di pantai amat buruk sehingga pihak berkuasa mengisytiharkan 'darurat sampah' dua tahun lalu, berikutan pantainya hampir ditenggelami sampah.

Pantai Kuta di Bali yang

menjadi tumpuan pelancong tidak terkecuali, dengan pelbagai jenis sampah memenuhi pantai itu.

Tahun lalu, seekor paus sperma mati di taman marin kepulauan Sulawesi dengan 115 cawan plastik dan 25 beg plastik ditemui dalam perutnya. - AFP