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LAMPIRAN 1  
BERITA HARIAN (SENTRAL): MUKA SURAT 56  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

# Bekalan elektrik 30 kilang plastik haram bakal dipotong

➔ MPK sudah hantar senarai nama, alamat kepada ST

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**M**ajlis Perbandaran Klang (MPK) sudah menghantar senarai nama dan alamat 30 kilang plastik haram di daerah itu kepada Suruhanjaya Tenaga (ST) untuk tujuan pemotongan bekalan elektrik ke premis terbabit.

Yang Dipertua MPK, Datuk Mohd Yasid Bidin berkata, senarai nama itu dibuat selepas pihaknya menjalankan pemeriksaan terhadap kilang berkenaan.

Katanya, MPK memerlukan kelulusan daripada ST untuk memotong bekalan elektrik agar kilang haram berkenaan tidak boleh meneruskan operasi masing-masing.

“Dalam operasi sebelum ini, kami bersama-sama Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) dan Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor (SYABAS) menjalankan operasi bersama tetapi tidak dapat melakukan pemotongan bekalan elektrik kerana belum mendapat kelulusan,” katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada Majlis Mesra Aidilfitri MPK, di Taman Pengkalan Batu, di sini, semalam.

Mohd Yasid berkata, kilang berkenaan adalah yang beroperasi di Telok Gong, Pulau Indah serta Taman Industri Sobena Jaya.

## Kilang masih beroperasi

Katanya, kebanyakan kilang haram yang disita masih meneruskan operasi secara senyap pada waktu malam kerana bekalan elektrik tidak dipotong.

“Saya rasa bekalan elektrik yang tidak dipotong adalah punca utama kilang ini sukar ditutup kerana jika tiada elektrik, mereka tidak boleh beroperasi.

“Mereka degil, tidak takut walaupun sudah disita atau dikenakan kompaun kerana mereka tahu kuasa kita sebagai pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) terhad, malah kalau ingin membawa kes ke mahkamah

juga bukan perkara yang mudah.

“Pemotongan bekalan elektrik dilihat sebagai cara yang boleh mengekang operasi kilang haram ini,” katanya.

Sementara itu, seramai 5,000 tetamu termasuk EXCO kerajaan negeri, Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN), ahli majlis dan orang awam menghadiri majlis mesra Aidilfitri MPK itu yang diadakan di Taman Pengkalan Batu iaitu taman rekreasi di tepi Sungai Klang.

Sebanyak 100 orang yang terdiri daripada fakir miskin serta Orang Kelainan Upaya (OKU) menerima sumbangan duit raya yang disampaikan oleh ADUN Selat Klang merangkap EXCO Kebudayaan dan Pelancongan, Peradaban Melayu dan Warisan Selangor, Datuk Abdul Rashid Asari.



LAMPIRAN 2  
SINAR HARIAN (SENTRAL): MUKA SURAT 23  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

## MPK serah senarai nama, alamat kilang



Mohamad Yasid (dua dari kiri) mengiringi Abdul Rashid (tiga dari kiri) menyampaikan duit raya kepada penerima pada Majlis Mesra Aidilfitri MPK di Taman Pengkalan Batu semalam.

KLANG – Majlis Perbandaran Klang (MPK) sudah menghantar senarai nama dan alamat 30 kilang plastik haram di daerah itu kepada Suruhanjaya Tenaga (ST) untuk tujuan pemotongan bekalan elektrik.

Yang Dipertuanya, Datuk Mohamad Yasid Bidin berkata, tindakan itu bagi memudahkan pihaknya menjalankan operasi penguatkuasaan.

Menurutnya, sebelum ini operasi tidak dapat dilakukan kerana tiada kelulusan daripada suruhanjaya itu.

“Kita akan menjalankan operasi secara besaran-

besaran selepas mendapat kelulusan suruhanjaya berkenaan,” katanya kepada pemberita pada Majlis Mesra Aidilfitri MPK di Taman Pengkalan Batu di sini semalam.

Menurut beliau, kebanyakan pemilik kilang haram masih berdegil dan beroperasi walaupun sudah disita dan dikenakan kompaun.

“Perkara ini berlaku kerana bekalan elektrik masih berfungsi dan mereka tahu kuasa kita terhad.

“Kita hanya boleh mengeluarkan notis amaran, kompaun dan bawa kes terbabit ke mahkamah. Jadi

mereka lebih berani bertindak,” katanya.

Mohamad Yasid memberitahu, kilang plastik itu giat beroperasi terutama di Telok Gong, Pulau Indah dan Kawasan Perindustrian Sobena di Pelabuhan Klang.

“MPK menerima banyak aduan mengenai kes pencemaran. Jadi operasi besar-besaran akan bermula tidak lama lagi bagi membendung kilang haram ini,” katanya.

Sebelum ini *Sinar Harian* melaporkan pemilik kilang plastik haram diberi amaran menutup kilang bagi mengelakkan tindakan undang-undang



LAMPIRAN 3
BERITA HARIAN (ISU): MUKA SURAT 12
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

Simpton sama
tragedi
pencemaran
Sungai Kim Kim

Gas organik mungkin punca
mangsa sesak nafas: Dr Dzulkefly

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Kementerian Kesihatan tidak menolak kemungkinan
kejadian sesak nafas dan muntah oleh 27 orang yang
dimasukkan ke Hospital Sultan Ismail Johor Bahru, semalam, se-
akan-akan sama dengan simpton
kesan pencemaran dari Sungai
Kim Kim, sebelum ini.
Sehingga jam 8 malam tadi, da-
ripada seramai 27 orang itu, 17
terdiri murid Sekolah Agama Tam-
an Mawar dan seorang pekerja
kantinnya, manakala sembilan lagi
murid Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Pa-
sir Gudang 4.
Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr
Dzulkefly Ahmad, berkata pihak-
nya baru dimaklumkan mengenai

kejadian berkenaan dan akan ber-
hubung dengan Pengarah Kesih-
atan Negeri Johor bagi mengetahui
situasi semasa.

Pencemaran gas organik
"Berdasarkan maklumat awal da-
ripada simpton dialami murid se-
perti muntah dan sesak nafas, ke-
ungkinan besar berpunca dari-
pada pencemaran gas organik,
sama seperti kes Sungai Kim Kim,"
katanya pada sidang media di sini,
semalam.
Ditanya sama ada Kementerian
Kesihatan akan mengeluarkan ara-
han kepada sekolah berkenaan di-
tutup, beliau berkata ia masih ter-
lalu awal untuk membuat kepu-
tusan.
"Setakat ini keadaan masih ter-
kawal, apapun kita akan pantau
dan lihat situasi ini bagi menda-
patkan maklumat lanjut, terma-
suk menentukan punca dan tahap

KES PENCEMARAN UDARA DI PASIR GUDANG, JOHOR



pencemaran udara yang berlaku,"
katanya.
Sementara itu, di Pasir Gudang,
Pengerusi Jawatankuasa, Kebuda-
yaaan dan Warisan Johor, Mohd
Khuzzan Abu Bakar, berkata pihak
berkuasa masih menyasat lanjut
punca murid di kedua-dua sekolah
itu mengalami simpton sesak na-
fas dan muntah.
"Pihak berkuasa seperti Unit Ba-
han Berbahaya (HAZMAT) bomba,
Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) dan
Jabatan Kimia akan menyasat le-
bih lanjut bagi mengenal pasti
punca sebenar kejadian itu.
"Selain itu, murid yang terjejas

juga akan menjalani ujian darah
bagi mengetahui apa sebenarnya
yang berlaku," katanya pada sidang
media di Sekolah Agama Taman
Mawar, semalam.
Insiden terkawal
Mengulas lanjut, Mohd Khuzzan
berkata, insiden itu terkawal dan
penduduk tidak perlu panik ke-
rana keadaan kali ini berbeza de-
ngan tragedi pencemaran toksik
Sungai Kim Kim awal Mac lalu.
"Sehingga kini, tidak ada keper-
luan untuk membuka bilik gera-
kan, namun pemantauan berte-
rusan akan dijalankan mulai ma-

lam ini sehingga Sabtu ini,"
katanya.
Sementara itu, Pengerusi Jawa-
tankuasa Hal Ehwal Agama Islam,
Pertanian dan Pembangunan Luar
Bandar, Tosrin Jarvanthi, yang tu-
rut meninjau keadaan Sekolah
Agama Taman Mawar, berkata ber-
kata Majlis Agama Islam Negeri
Johor akan memberi bantuan se-
gera kepada mangsa yang terjejas.
"Mangsa yang dirawat di hospital
akan menerima bantuan RM400
setiap seorang, manakala mangsa
yang terjejas tetapi tidak dima-
sukkan ke hospital akan menerima
RM200," katanya.

DEEN GRAFIK BH

LAMPIRAN 4  
THE SUN DAILY (NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS): MUKA SURAT 4  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

## 'Blanket ban on plastic waste will affect legal recyclers'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A blanket ban on plastic waste, called by the consumer association, will hurt law-abiding plastic recyclers, as well as drive them out of business, said industry players.

The Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association (MPMA) and the Malaysia Plastics Recyclers Association (MPRA) also said such a move would not help the government in combating smugglers and illegal plastic recyclers.

"Recycling is crucial to

creating new value that benefits society and contributes to sustainability.

"Legal operators support Malaysia's manufacturing and export sectors in industries such as electrical and electronics, automotive and others.

"A total ban would bring the country's participation in the global economy to a halt. We will help the government to crack down on illegal operators," they said in a joint statement yesterday. – Bernama



LAMPIRAN 5  
THE STAR (NATION): MUKA SURAT 3  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

## 'New pollution case in Johor under control'

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**PASIR GUDANG:** The Johor government is downplaying the latest air pollution incident, which saw 15 people, including 13 students, suffering breathing difficulties and vomiting.

The incident occurred at two schools – Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar and SK Pasir Gudang 4 – at about 3.40pm yesterday.

State Health, Culture and Heritage Committee chairman Mohd Khuzzan Abu Bakar said the situation at both locations was secure and safe.

"Those affected are being treated at Sultan Ismail Hospital. Thirteen are students between the ages of seven and 12, while the other two are school staff.

"The public should not panic as the authorities are monitoring the ground situation closely," he said when met at the location yesterday.

Mohd Khuzzan said the authorities would continue to monitor the air quality until tomorrow before making any decision.

"As of now, there is no need to open a disaster relief centre," he said.



**Taking action:** Rescue team members at Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar in Pasir Gudang.

In March, a toxic pollution in Sungai Kim Kim resulted in over 4,000 people falling ill, which also saw the temporary closure of 111 schools in Pasir Gudang district.

State Islamic Religious Affairs, Agriculture and Rural Development Committee chairman Tosrin Jarvanthi said the government

would hand out a special aid to those affected.

"Each receiving treatment in the hospital will get RM400. The aid will be channelled through the schools," he said.

In Putrajaya, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said the ministry was aware of the inci-

dent and would closely monitor the situation.

"The symptoms look like a possibility of poisonous gas or those volatile organic gas compound ... just like the Sungai Kim Kim's incident but I need to evaluate the information to be able to comment on the matter," he said yesterday.



LAMPIRAN 6  
 UTUSAN MALAYSIA (DALAM NEGERI): MUKA SURAT 7  
 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

Dipercayai terhidu udara tercemar

# 15 termasuk murid dikejar ke hospital

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■ PASIR GUDANG 20 JUN

**S**ERAMAI 15 mangsa terdiri daripada 13 murid dan dua kakitangan sekolah dikejar ke Hospital Sultan Ismail (HSI) Johor Bahru selepas dikesan menjadi mangsa pencemaran udara di sini hari ini.

Kejadian tersebut dilaporkan berlaku pukul 3.39 petang di dua sekolah iaitu Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar dan Sekolah Kebangsaan Pasir Gudang 4.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan, Kebudayaan dan Warisan negeri, Mohd. Khuzzan Abu Bakar berkata, bagaimanapun keadaan di kawasan terlibat kini dalam keadaan terkawal dan selamat.

“Sebanyak 15 mangsa yang terjejas dirawat di HSI. Mereka terdiri daripada 13 murid berusia antara 7 hingga 12 tahun dan dua kakitangan sekolah.

“Empat daripada mereka di rawat di Zon Merah, tiga di Zon Kuning manakala lapan yang lain di Zon Hijau,” katanya dalam sidang akhbar di Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar di sini hari ini.

Hari ini penduduk di sekitar daerah ini dikejutkan dengan pencemaran udara terbaharu yang berlaku di dua sekolah berkenaan.

Mohd. Khuzzan berkata, bacaan kualiti udara yang dibuat di lokasi terlibat menunjukkan bacaan udara berada dalam paras yang baik.



**BEBERAPA mangsa diberi rawatan kecemasan oleh anggota paramedik sebelum dikejar ke hospital di Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar dan Sekolah Kebangsaan Pasir Gudang 4, Johor Bahru, semalam. - IHSAN ORANG AWAM**

“Insiden pencemaran yang berlaku hari ini berbeza sama sekali dengan insiden pencemaran sisa toksik di Sungai Kim Kim. Punca sebenar kejadian ini sedang disiasat dan akan dimaklumkan kelak.

“Pihak berkuasa akan melakukan pemantauan udara secara berterusan sehingga Sabtu ini sebelum membuat sebarang keputusan lanjut,” ujarnya sambil memberitahu tiada keperluan membuka bilik gerakan ben-

cana ketika ini.

Sementara itu, Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Hal Ehwal Agama Islam, Pertanian dan Pembangunan Luar Bandar negeri, Tosrin Jarvanthi memaklumkan pihaknya akan menyalurkan bantuan khas kepada mangsa terlibat.

“Bantuan RM400 akan disalurkan menerusi pihak sekolah kepada mangsa yang mendapat rawatan di hospital,” ujarnya yang turut hadir ke lokasi kejadian.





LAMPIRAN 7  
BERITA HARIAN (ISU): MUKA SURAT 12  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

# 'Tiba-tiba rasa pening, ada kawan terbaring'

[FOTO BERNAMA]



Antara mangsa yang menerima rawatan awal selepas mengalami sesak nafas dan muntah di Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar Pasir Gudang, semalam.

**Pasir Gudang:** "Tiba-tiba saya rasa pening dan muntah," kata, Muhamad Addam Azfar Azlan, 8, murid di Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Pasir Gudang 4, di sini,

Menceritakan saat mengalami sesak nafas, murid Tahun Dua itu, berkata pada masa itu dia seperti biasa menghadiri sesi persekolahannya sebelah petang.

"Saya ke sekolah macam biasa. Kami kemudian pergi ke dewan sebab ada jamuan hari raya.

"Tak lama kemudian, ada beberapa kawan muntah dan terbaring. Saya pun rasa pening sebelum muntah. Saya rasa takut dan kemudian cikgu suruh kami semua tunggu.

"Selepas itu, kami semua dibawa ke Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar," katanya.

Ibu kepada Muhamad Addam yang mahu dikenali sebagai Nurul Aisyah, berkata dia yang bekerja berges ke Sekolah Agama Taman

Mawar sebaik dimaklumkan oleh pihak sekolah mengenai insiden itu.

**Perlu ke hospital jika teruk**

"Alhamdulillah, anak saya baik dan tidak apa-apa. Kakitangan perubatan merawatnya memaklumkan anak saya boleh dibawa pulang, namun jika keadaan menjadi buruk, dia perlu segera dibawa ke Hospital Sultan Ismail," katanya.

Sementara itu, Komander Operasi Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat (BBP) Pasir Gudang, Ibrahim Omar, berkata pihaknya menerima panggilan kecemasan pada jam 3.39 petang dan sebuah jentera dengan tiga anggota dihantar ke lokasi kejadian sebagai tindak balas pertama.

Katanya, pemeriksaan awal mendapati berlaku pencemaran udara dengan 15 murid mengalami simptom muntah-muntah dan sesak nafas.



**LAMPIRAN 8**  
**UTUSAN MALAYSIA (DALAM NEGERI): MUKA SURAT 7**  
**TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)**

## Simptom seakan kes Sungai Kim Kim - Dzulkefly

**PUTRAJAYA 20 Jun** - Kementerian Kesihatan tidak menolak kemungkinan kejadian sesak nafas dan muntah dialami 15 murid Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar di Pasir Gudang, Johor hari ini adalah simptom yang sama akibat kesan pencemaran Sungai Kim Kim sebelum ini.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad berkata, pihaknya baharu dimaklumkan mengenai kejadian berkenaan dan akan berhubung dengan Pengarah Kesihatan Negeri bagi mengetahui situasi semasa.

"Berdasarkan maklumat awal daripada simptom dialami murid seperti muntah dan sesak nafas, kemungkinan besar berpunca daripada

pencemaran gas organik, sama seperti kes Sungai Kim Kim," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di sini hari ini.

Ditanya sama ada kementerian akan mengeluarkan arahan kepada sekolah berkenaan ditutup, beliau berkata, ia masih terlalu awal untuk membuat keputusan.

"Setakat ini situasi masih terkawal, apapun kita akan pantau dan lihat situasi ini bagi mendapatkan maklumat lanjut, termasuk menentukan punca dan tahap pencemaran udara yang berlaku," katanya.

Pada Mac lalu, lebih 5,000 penduduk daerah ini terjejas ekoran berlaku kejadian pencemaran sisa toksik di Sungai Kim Kim sehingga memaksa 111 buah sekolah di daerah ini ditutup.



**DZULKEFLY AHMAD**



LAMPIRAN 9  
THE STAR (NATION): MUKA SURAT 12  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

# Landowner of illegal dumpsite fined



**Waste land:**  
The illegal dumpsite in Bukit Teh near Machang Bubok in Bukit Mertajam, Penang. (Inset) H'ng.

## Man and factory operator plead guilty to charges

**BUKIT MERTAJAM:** The landowner of the illegal dumpsite in Bukit Teh was fined RM2,000 after he pleaded guilty at a Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

Also slapped with the same amount of fine was the operator of a nearby illegal factory.

The charges were read to them by a court interpreter before magistrate Shamshol Azwa Martadza.

The landowner, H'ng Boon Chai, was charged under the Seberang Prai Municipal Council (MPSP) Refuse Collection, Removal and Disposal (Municipal Council of Province Wel-

lesley) By-Laws 1994.

Meanwhile, the factory, Young Master Enterprise (M) Sdn Bhd, was charged under the MPSP Licence Fees By-Law 1980 and fined RM2,000 after a representative pleaded guilty.

Both paid the fines.

In March, *The Star* exposed a 6.5ha illegal dumpsite as big as six football fields in Bukit Teh near Machang Bubok, which was an illegal sand quarry site years ago before it turned into a marshland.

Besides plastic waste, items such as discarded furniture, construction debris and food waste have filled up

the waterlogged area.

There were also hundreds of sacks of plastic pellets piled up at the site within a privately owned land.

A wooden pallet processing factory was also found operating within the illegal dumpsite, with workers using various tools to assemble the pallets.

Watch the video  
[thestartv.com](http://thestartv.com)





LAMPIRAN 10  
THE SUN DAILY (NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS): MUKA SURAT 6  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

# 15 students suffer breathing difficulties

➤ Report on cause to be issued later

**JOHOR BARU:** About 15 students from Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar in Pasir Gudang here suffered breathing difficulties and vomiting believed to have been caused by air pollution yesterday.

Pasir Gudang Fire and Rescue Station chief said they received a distress call at 3.39pm and sent their personnel.

"When we arrived we found about 15 students having breathing difficulties and vomiting. Five of them were sent to Sultan Ismail Hospital for treatment," he said in a statement.

A team from the hazardous material unit, or Hazmat was dispatched to the scene together with the Emergency Medical Response Service from Johor Baru.

This quick response comes after toxic pollution of Sungai Kim Kim caused over 4,000 people to fall ill and the closure of 111 schools in Pasir Gudang in March.

"Once we discover the main cause we will issue a statement," said Ibrahim.



Hazmat officers gear up before entering the affected site. – **BERNAMAPIX**



LAMPIRAN 11  
 UTUSAN MALAYSIA (DALAM NEGERI): MUKA SURAT 22  
 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

## Bantah keputusan ujian pencemaran air Suku Bateq tak puas hati

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■ **GUA MUSANG 20 JUN**

**M**ASYARAKAT Orang Asli suku Bateq tidak berpuas hati dengan keputusan ujian yang diumumkan Kementerian Kesihatan bahawa wabak yang melanda Kuala Koh di sini bukan berpunca daripada pencemaran air.

Justeru, mereka mahu kerajaan dan agensi berkaitan menyiasat semula perkara itu kerana mereka yakin penyakit berjangkit tersebut berpunca daripada penggunaan air tadahan bukit serta air Sungai Balai yang dipercayai mengandungi bahan kimia.

Penghulu Kampung Kuala Koh, Mohamad Pokok berkata, sebelum tahap kesihatan penduduknya terjejas, mereka sebelum ini sering menggunakan punca air sungai itu untuk minum dan memasak.

Katanya, mereka yakin air tercemar kerana jarak kawasan lombong bijih mangan terbabit

hanya 100 meter dari sungai dan tadahan air bukit.

“Kami sudah membangkitkan perkara berkenaan kepada Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Wan Ismail di Putrajaya, kelmarin.

“Kami tidak berpuas hati dan beliau juga bersetuju untuk menyiasat semula perkara itu. Beliau memberi masa tiga bulan untuk membuat kajian semula dengan mengambil sampel air di lokasi itu sebelum ada keputusan muktamad,” katanya di sini hari ini.

Isnin lalu, Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad mengumumkan wabak yang melanda penduduk kampung tersebut adalah demam campak dan bukannya berpunca daripada pencemaran air. Wabak itu menyebabkan 15 maut serta 112 orang menerima rawatan.

Tambah Mohamad, sampel air yang diambil jabatan terbabit juga mungkin bukan air dari Su-



**MOHAMAD POKOK**

ngai Balai, sebaliknya air di Sungai Lebir yang terletak lima kilometer dari kampung itu.

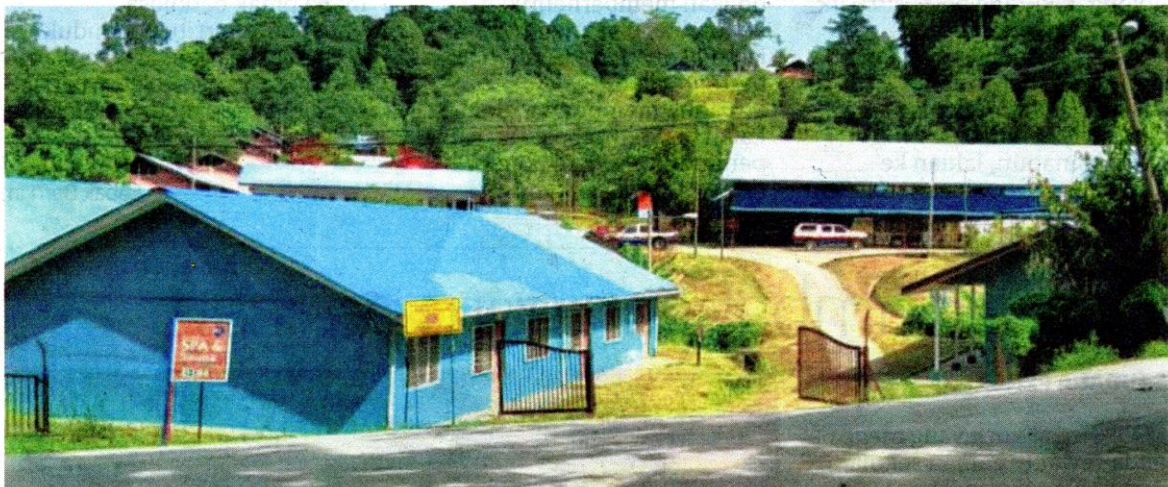
Katanya, sampel air yang diambil itu juga mungkin diambil selepas agak lama kejadian menimpa penduduk berlaku.

Sementara itu, guru agama Orang Asli, Majlis Agama Islam dan Adat

Istiadat Melayu Kelantan (Maik), Mohd. Fazli Mamok, 31, berkata, masyarakatnya juga terkejut selepas dimaklumkan penyakit misteri yang menyebabkan beratus penduduk sakit dan 15 orang mati adalah disebabkan demam campak.

Katanya, mereka juga berharap pihak kerajaan membuat siasatan semula berhubung penyakit itu.

“Kami meragui kaum kami dijangkiti demam campak sehingga meragut nyawa. Kami Orang Asli pernah dijangkiti demam campak sebelum ini, namun tidaklah berlaku kematian kerana kami ada ubat tradisional yang dibuat sendiri,” katanya.



**KEM Etnobotani di Gua Musang, Kelantan yang menjadi penempatan sementara Orang Asli suku kaum Bateq dari Kuala Koh.**



LAMPIRAN 12  
NEW STRAITS TIMES (NEWS/NATION): MUKA SURAT 12  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

SEKOLAH AGAMA TAMAN MAWAR

# 15 STUDENTS HAVE 'KIM KIM SYMPTOMS'

The students from a Pasir Gudang school were exposed to gas fumes

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**T**HE Health Ministry does not discount the possibility that 15 students from Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar, Pasir Gudang, who experienced breathing difficulties and vomiting yesterday, are displaying similar symptoms to those affected by the chemical pollution of Sungai Kim Kim in March.

Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said the ministry was monitoring the case and was seeking constant updates from the Johor Health director.

"Early information on the case

showed that the symptoms could possibly be a result of contamination from organic fumes, similar to the Sungai Kim Kim case," he said here yesterday.

When asked if the ministry would issue a directive for the affected school to be closed, Dr Dzulkefly said it was too early to make such a decision.

"At this point, the situation is under control. Nevertheless, we will monitor the situation and obtain more information, including determining the cause of the pollution and its contamination levels."

Earlier in Johor Baru, five students from Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar, Pasir Gudang were rushed to the emergency unit of Sultan Ismail Hospital after complaining of nausea and breathing difficulties from exposure to unknown gas fumes at 4pm yesterday.

Pasir Gudang Fire and Rescue station chief Ibrahim Omar said 15 students showed symptoms, including vomiting and breathing problems, at 3.39pm, and an Emergency Medical Rescue Services (EMRS) with three person-

nel were dispatched to the school.

He said after arriving at the location, the personnel confirmed the incident and sent five students to the hospital for treatment.

"A hazardous material (Hazard) team and a Johor Baru EMRS unit went to the location to help the responding team and carry out a decontamination process," he said.

Johor Health director Dr Selahuddeen Abd Aziz said five students were undergoing treatment at the hospital.

"We are carrying out checks based on the symptoms to identify the real cause of the problem," he said.

It was understood that all five students are receiving treatment at the emergency unit and the medical team is on standby.

In March, 111 schools in the Pasir Gudang district had to be closed for two weeks following the chemical pollution of Sungai Kim Kim, which caused symptoms ranging from eye irritations, chest pains, vomiting to shortness of breath.



Emergency Medical Rescue Services personnel helping students from Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar in Pasir Gudang, Johor, into an ambulance yesterday.

The schools were closed on March 13 after fumes from chemical waste illegally dumped into Sungai Kim Kim, caused breathing difficulties for almost

6,000 people. The schools were reopened following a clean-up operation of the river, and test results that revealed low levels of pollution.



# LAMPIRAN 13 KOSMO! (NEGARA): MUKA SURAT 6 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

Kejadian berlaku dipercayai akibat pencemaran udara, punca masih dalam siasatan

## 22 alami muntah, sesak nafas

Oleh SHARKAWI LONDING

**JOHOR BAHRU** – Seramai lapan murid dan dua kakitangan Sekolah Rendah Agama (SRA) Taman Mawar serta lima lagi murid Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Pasir Gudang 4 dikejarkan ke Hospital Sultan Ismail (HSI) di sini selepas dipercayai terhidu udara tercemar dalam kejadian di sini petang semalam.

Dalam kejadian pada pukul 3.39 petang itu, empat murid dirawat di zon merah, tiga lagi di zon kuning serta lapan pelajar termasuk kakitangan sekolah menerima rawatan di zon hijau.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan, Kebudayaan dan Warisan negeri, Mohd. Khuzzan Abu Bakar berkata, kesemua murid yang terlibat berusia tujuh hingga 12 tahun, manakala dua kakitangan sekolah tersebut berusia 46 tahun dan



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kesemua dilaporkan dalam keadaan stabil.

“Pihak Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat Pasir Gudang menerima panggilan pada pukul 3.39 petang daripada pihak sekolah memaklumkan sebahagian murid sekolah mengalami sesak nafas serta muntah-muntah selepas terhidu udara tercemar.

“Sehingga kini (semalam) seramai 15 murid dan dua kakitangan sekolah dirujuk ke HSI untuk rawatan susulan,” katanya pada sidang akhbar di SRA Taman Mawar, Pasir Gudang di sini semalam.

Menurut beliau lagi, masih tiada keperluan untuk pihak keselamatan membuka pusat gerakan ben-



DUA murid diberi rawatan awal selepas mengalami simptom muntah dan sesak nafas akibat pencemaran udara semalam.



PETUGAS keselamatan memeriksa tahap pencemaran udara di SRA Taman Mawar, Pasir Gudang semalam.

cana bagi menangani kejadian itu berikutan siasatan pihak bomba memaklumkan kualiti udara di kawasan berkenaan adalah selamat.

Bagaimanapun katanya, pasukan penyelamat akan sentiasa memantau keadaan sekitar dan masyarakat tidak perlu panik atau bimbang kerana kejadian tersebut tidak seteru kes pencemaran

Sungai Kim Kim yang berlaku pada Mac lalu.

“Punca sebenar kejadian ini sedang disiasat dan orang ramai akan dimaklumkan secepat mungkin selepas keputusan diperolehi, namun bacaan udara berada dalam paras yang baik,” katanya.

Sementara itu, Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Hal Ehwal Agama Islam,

Pertanian dan Pembangunan Luar Bandar negeri, Tosrin Jarvanthi memaklumkan, pihaknya akan menyalurkan bantuan khas kepada mangsa terlibat.

“Bantuan RM400 akan disalurkan kepada mangsa yang mendapat rawatan di hospital dan akan disalurkan menerusi pihak sekolah,” ujarnya.

## Simptom seperti kejadian pencemaran di Sungai Kim Kim



**PUTRAJAYA** – Kejadian sesak nafas dan muntah yang dialami 20 orang murid dan dua kakitangan Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar dan Sekolah Kebangsaan Pasir Gudang 4 di Pasir Gudang, Johor semalam seakan sama dengan simptom yang berlaku kepada pesakit yang terkesan akibat pencemaran Sungai Kim Kim.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad (**gambar**) berkata, pihak kementerian telah dimaklumkan mengenai kejadian tersebut dan akan menghubungi Pengarah Kesihatan Johor untuk mengetahui situasi semasa kejadian tersebut.

Jelasnya, maklumat awal kes tersebut mendapati murid-murid me-

ngalami simptom seperti muntah dan sesak nafas.

“Kejadian itu berkemungkinan besar berpunca daripada pencemaran gas organik sama seperti kes yang berlaku di Sungai Kim Kim pada Mac lalu.

“Setakat ini situasi masih terkawal dan kita akan pantau situasi di situ bagi mendapatkan bacaan tahap pencema-

ran udara selain maklumat lanjut mengenai punca kejadian,” katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

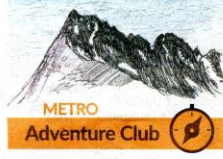
Dalam pada itu katanya, masih ter-lalu awal untuk membuat keputusan sama ada pihak kementerian akan mengeluarkan arahan kepada sekolah berkenaan untuk ditutup ekoran kes tersebut.



LAMPIRAN 14  
 THE STAR (FEATURE): MUKA SURAT 14  
 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)



A view of the island as we made our way to the boats before the clean-up.



# Trash heroes to the rescue

Participants of Redang clean-up net 525kg of rubbish in four hours

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I MUST confess: I have a tendency to lose count. I was especially reminded of this when I was part of a volunteer clean-up crew picking up trash from a beach just 2km from Berjaya's The Taaras Beach and Spa Resort on Pulau Redang.

We were picking up marine debris and general rubbish and each of us were told to keep count of how many 'X' items we collected as part of the annual Redang Island Conservation Day (RICD) initiative.

I lost count more than once. In my defence, it was my first clean-up, and I was overwhelmed by the sheer amount of junk that had washed up on this isolated rocky beach, seemingly emerging out of nowhere.

I was perhaps overzealous as all I could think about was picking up as much as I could from wherever I could.

Off the top of my head, I recall finding the following: straws, aluminium cans, plastic bags, drink bottles, shoes, slippers, fishing gear, children's toys, household/ industrial plastics, and even unopened cans of engine oil.

But realising there was simply too much rubbish, I started to focus my collection on plastic bottles and discarded fishing gear.

On both sessions, we had to stay behind on the island for the boat to transport the rubbish back to the resort as it had taken up all the space on the boat.

I do not recall the exact number of items I was able to collect but it would have easily been 300 bottles and 10kg of fishing equipment over two two-hour sessions.

This is over the dozens of discarded footwear and hundreds of fragments of plastic cutlery that was picked up.

Meanwhile, beneath the turquoise waters not far from our clean-up spot, over a dozen scuba divers were doing their part to preserve the environment underwater.

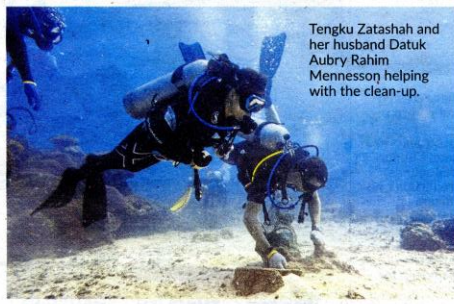
It was a task I imagined to be even more challenging to tackle than on land due to the current and sediment.

Underwater, they had to contend with plastic bags and bottles, ghost nets, aluminium cans, hypodermic needles, and the destructive crown-of-thorns starfish.

After sorting and cataloguing the rubbish, our leader and Trash Hero Malaysia coordinator Mohd Faisal Abdur Rani said we had found rubbish that originated from Thailand and Vietnam, presumably those that drifted across the South China Sea and



The amount of rubbish collected by 18 people in just two hours. (Below) Much of the debris comprised plastics carried in by the tide, with most originating from land.



Tengku Zatashah and her husband Datuk Aubry Rahim Mennesson helping with the clean-up.

Gulf of Thailand. "It is important for us to audit the debris so we can better understand the waste profile and with the data we gather, we can come up with a specific plan for future groups that might want to clean up the same area," he said.

Knowing where the rubbish originates from can also help NGOs like Trash Hero present the data to the relevant government bodies, which in turn will hopefully result in action plans and become enforceable policy. Finally, through the combined

effort of 70 participants, we were able to remove 524.86kg of waste, 246.39kg of which was plastic, 78.08kg ropes, 4,645 bottles, 315 shoes/slippers, 47 straws, 28 toothbrushes, and 35 crown-of-thorns starfish.

I estimated that the total area covered would easily fit within a one sq km space.

No doubt, education plays a big part in preventing waste from going into our seas and threatening the marine life but let's not forget our predilection for convenience when it comes to single-use plastics.

Returning to The Taaras with its private and pristine white sand beach and crystal clear waters was a stark contrast to all the filth that still needed clearing up just 10 minutes away by boat.

Later, I got a better understanding as to why the resort takes it upon itself to care not just for its own beach but also the surrounding areas, bearing in mind that the RICD is just one of its initiatives.

As The Taaras area general manager Pravir Mishra said, "We have Taaras guests who come from all over the world to see Redang but Redang is not just The Taaras, it is the whole island.

So we try to do our part by contributing and creating awareness to the rest of the island as well." Another reason stems from a distinctive feature that sets The Taaras apart from other resorts, which is the Sea Turtle Research Unit (Seatru) laboratory.

As a collaboration between The Taaras and Universiti Teknologi

Terengganu (UTM), the resort houses a laboratory for scientists to study sea turtles right at the lobby of the resort.

The lab also focuses on education and conservation work on sea turtles, which has resulted in meaningful strides in terms of protecting them.

Moreover, just further up from the beach we were cleaning up lies the marine turtle research station, Chagar Hutang Turtle Sanctuary – one of the most important centres for marine turtle research and protection in the country.

A key point highlighted by the various speakers during the presentations by UTM Seatru, WWF Malaysia and the Tzu Chi Foundation on conservation and protection, was the impact that humans have on marine life and the rise of micro plastics.

No surprises that single-use plastics and irresponsible rubbish disposal was the common thread too.

Joining in as one of the participants for the second year in a row was RICD patron and environmentalist, Selangor princess Tengku Zatashah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, who is a champion of both the coastal and marine clean-ups.

"It was great being back in Redang for the second year. The beach clean-up was a real eye-opener and underwater, I picked up a lot of debris during my first dive.

"There wasn't much on the second dive so that was a bit of good news.

"The reason why I find RICD significant is because Redang is like paradise island. And we don't even have to go far for it. But we have to take care of it because plastic trash is overwhelming."

As The Taaras' resident marine biologist Siva Prakash told me, the amount of trash on the beach we were at was just a fraction of what is around the entire island.

"We have done lots of beach clean-ups. And all over the world people are also doing this. But how long are we going to do this for?" he asked, adding that his experiences in the past with beach clean-ups was that he still saw the same amount of rubbish a few weeks later.

"The only way to reduce it (plastic waste) is to refuse using it. There are many other options out there, it is just a question of whether we are ready to take the responsibility."

Find out more about the Malaysian chapter of the international non-governmental organisation Trash Hero at fb.com/trasheromalaysia.



LAMPIRAN 15  
 THE STAR (NEWS): MUKA SURAT 1  
 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

# Green sense on the rise

Many people in Perak are bringing their own containers and reusable bags when shopping even as the state is seen to be lagging behind in implementing a ban on single-use plastics. >2&3



**Containing use of plastic:** An increasing number of consumers are taking it upon themselves to reduce single-use packaging while traders are also throwing in freebies to encourage the practice in Ipoh, Perak. — RONNIE CHIN /The Star



# LAMPIRAN 15 (SAMB.) THE STAR (NEWS): MUKA SURAT 2 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

**Starmetro watch**

**MUSHROOM CULTIVATION**  
There will be a free talk on mushroom cultivation for beginners this Saturday, from 10am to noon at Balai Masyarakat JKP Zone 3 USJ17/2 Subang Jaya.

**CANCER WORKSHOP**  
National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM) will be hosting a workshop for cancer patients aged between 17 and 35 on the topic 'Laughing & Relaxing Even Tho' I Have Cancer' tomorrow from 9am at NCSM, No.66, Jalan Raja Muda Abdul Aziz, Kuala Lumpur. There is a commitment fee of RM10. To register, call 03-2691 7624 (Adeline/Mila).

**EDUCATION FAIR**  
JM Education Fair 2019 will be held at One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya, on June 23 from noon to 5pm. There will be free counselling and several universities and colleges are taking part. For details, call 03-5633 4732 or email inquirydata@jmecc.com.

**INFERTILITY TALK**  
Sunway Medical Centre (SunMed) is having a public forum on 'Overcoming Infertility' at Level 4, Tower A, SunMed Convention Centre on June 23 at noon. Registration and parking are free, lunch is also provided. To register, call 03-7491 1052 or email sunmed-pr@sunway.com.my.

**TRAFFIC MATTERS**  
There is a continuation of closure in stages along Jalan Kepong Garden (Selayang-bound, Kepong-bound, Kepong town-bound and Taman Kepong Garden-bound) intermittently until Aug 22 from 10pm-6am.

**WALK FOR DEPRESSION**  
The 2019 Walk-a-hunt: Walk for Depression will take place on July 14 from 8am to 11am at Taipan USJ10, Subang Jaya. It aims to raise awareness and de-stigmatise depression. Registration fee is RM60 for a group of two. Proceeds from the event will go to Befrienders, Malaysian Mental Health Association, Mental Illness Awareness and Support Association, Relate Malaysia, Welfare Department, Malaysian Psychiatric Association and Malaysia Society of Clinical Psychology. To register, visit bit.ly/WalkAHunt2019.

**RUN FOR PEACE**  
Run for Peace 2019 is open for registration. It will be held on various dates throughout September at 28 locations nationwide and is a non-competitive event organised by Soka Gakkai Malaysia. Registration fee is RM30. For details, visit www.runforpeace.com.my

**INDIAN CULTURAL NIGHT**  
Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman's (UTAR) Indian Cultural and Language Society will hold its annual Indian cultural night 'Dhiraati Nakshatra Night 70' at the Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik Hall at the Kampus on July 20 at 6pm. It is to raise funds to support several schools in Kampar and also for the construction of the UTAR Hospital project. For details, call 011-652 3486 (Sebastian) or 018-350 4830 (Danesh).

**CHARITY GALA**  
The Lost Food Project and Ideas Academy is having the first European Gala to celebrate European culture in Kuala Lumpur and raise funds for the underprivileged in Malaysia on Oct 5 at the JW Marriott Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The theme for the black-tie event is 'City Nights'. For details, visit www.europeangala.com.my

## PERAK

# Reducing single-use plastics for environs

### State govt should take lead in campaign and promote biodegradable packaging, say advocates

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MORE people are becoming aware of the link between single-use plastics and the damage the materials are causing to the environment.

A number of consumers interviewed by *StarMetro* in Ipoh said they had begun carrying their own food containers and reusable shopping bags when buying food and groceries.

Engineer Herman Iskandar Dzulqarnain Shuhaimi, 38, opted to have food packed in his own containers during Ramadan bazaar visits to help reduce plastic waste.

"I want to do my part for the environment. Some traders even gave me free kuih or discounts for my effort. But some also asked why I brought my own container. I believe it will take a year or two for the trend to pick up.

However, slow progress is still progress," Herman Iskandar said, adding that he hoped the Perak government would create more awareness campaigns against the use of plastic.

"They should have incentives like tax reductions for traders. We need everyone to play their role in reducing the use of plastic."

Sales executive Nurul Shakila Mohamad Zain, 27, said using her own food containers was primarily about recycling and to address hygiene concerns.

"Sometimes I wonder where the polystyrene or plastic containers are stored and if the storage areas are clean.

"Maybe I am over-thinking it but at least I know the container I bring is clean.

"I am definitely concerned about the impact of single-use plastics on our environment," Nurul Shakila

said, adding that she would carry at least five containers when buying takeaway food.

"Some of my friends have also taken steps to reduce the usage of plastic when they visit night markets.

"Some still use the containers provided by traders but they carry them in reusable bags. I have also asked my family to do the same."

Some traders though are adamant about using single-use containers and plastic bags because they are cheaper than the biodegradable alternatives.

"Biodegradable containers are more expensive than plastic. I can't afford them because I just started my business a few months ago," said drinks trader Amar Asyraf Yus Amirul, 27.

"But I encourage my customers to bring their own bottles to reduce



the usage of plastic cups. In return I give them a discount or a little bit more of what I am selling."

Conversely, some locals insist they recycle the plastic bags given.

"If plastic bags are free when we buy our groceries, I don't see why I should stop using them," said clerk Noor Ain Mokhtar, 30.

"I would reuse a plastic bag as

# 'Emulate other states and ban plastic'



Ng says the Perak government needs to do more for the environment.

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THE Perak government should reverse the lifting of the ban on plastics by the previous administration.

Koperasi Alam Hijau Perak (Kohijau) chairman Assoc Prof Dr Richard Ng said the ban on plastics was to be enforced on July 1, 2017, but the decision was deferred.

At the moment, Perak's 'No Plastic Bag' is only implemented every Saturday.

Ng claimed the state government was doing little to tackle the issue.

"They keep citing that more research is required as an excuse not to ban plastic as it may hurt the multi-million ringgit business.

"This shows that they are ignorant of the impact of plastics on climate change," he said.

Ng was commenting on Selangor's move to ban plastic straws in all eateries beginning July 1, and on Penang's ban of plastic bags every Monday, also from July 1.



Kiko Food Bank volunteers collecting paper and boxes at a recent recycling event.

After imposing a statewide ban on plastic bags 10 years ago, the Penang government has decided to take the initiative one step further by deciding that there would be no plastic bags for shoppers even if they are willing to pay 20sen.

Ng said Penang and Selangor were at the forefront of tackling environmental damage and climate changes.

"Plastic, which can take more than 500 years to decompose, has been occupying space at landfills which produce methane gas and cause temperatures to rise.

"Plastics have also been found in oceans, causing damage to marine life.

"If Penang and Selangor have taken efforts to ban plastic successfully, there is no reason why Perak cannot follow suit," he added.

Ng, who is also Ipoh City Watch

president, said the NGO had voiced concern over the issue since 2016 but to no avail.

He urged the state government and the executive councillor in charge to make the environment a priority before the situation in Perak became worse, especially for single-use plastics such as polystyrene, straws and bags.

"We also have not seen much campaigning by the state government to educate the public on single-use plastics. I hope the state government emulates the successful campaigns by Penang and Selangor."

Andy Ooi, a volunteer at recycling organisation The Kiko Food Bank, questioned if Malaysians knew what landfills look like.

"People should consider how much plastic they use when they go grocery shopping and think how

long these plastic bags take to decompose. We must not wait for the damage to happen," he said.

Baljit Kaur, 37, said she uses recycled bags when grocery shopping, and also taught her children to be aware of the damage plastic products do to the environment.

"My children hardly use straws and we try to minimise the usage of plastic," said Baljit who is self-employed.

She added that the rubbish disposal system in Malaysia could also be improved with better waste separation at source.

Retiree Joginder Kaur Jessy, 64, said straws should be provided upon request.

"This is mainly because of hygiene issues at food outlets.

"Plastic should be banned and replaced with paper bags," she said.



LAMPIRAN 15 (SAMB.)  
 THE STAR (NEWS): MUKA SURAT 3  
 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)



Plastic bags are still widely used in night markets and Ramadan bazaars in Perak.



Some traders are adamant about retaining single-use containers and plastic bags because they are cheaper than biodegradable alternatives.

much as I can rather than collect new ones, for instance when I shop at the supermarket or pack other things."

N. Loshni, 22, said she tried to avoid using plastic bags but admitted that it was sometimes difficult. "I don't think Ipoh is ready to get rid of plastic bags 100%."

"We are famous for our hawker fare, a food business that relies heavily on single-use plastics. Although there are options to use food containers, I don't think it is being put into practice yet, at least not by the majority."

"Obviously the more educated are aware but what about those who have not been exposed to recycling?" she asked.

"Having lived in Kuala Lumpur before, I don't think awareness on reducing single-use plastics is at the same level in Ipoh," she added.

Loshni also questioned the Perak government's decision not to ban single-use plastics unlike some other states.

"I am sure plenty of research has been done on the damage plastic and polystyrene have on the environment, which is why the ban was initiated in the first place."

"I think we are wasting time. We really need to do something to protect our environment."

Ipoh City Watch (ICW) president Assoc Prof Dr Richard Ng said it was heartening to learn that more people were aware of the impor-

tant of protecting the environment for future generations.

"But more campaigns are needed to educate the public."

"Perak should emulate the Selangor and Penang governments by charging people for plastic bags and put up more educational billboards, banners and bunting to raise awareness," said Ng, who is also Koperasi Alam Hijau Perak (Kohijau) chairman.

"They should engage more environmental NGOs and provide funding to them to organise talks in schools and communities."

Ng said the state government should reintroduce the plastic ban revoked in 2017.

The state government under the previous administration had initially planned to ban single-use plastics in June 2017, but the prohibition was called off several months before to allow "further studies" to be conducted.

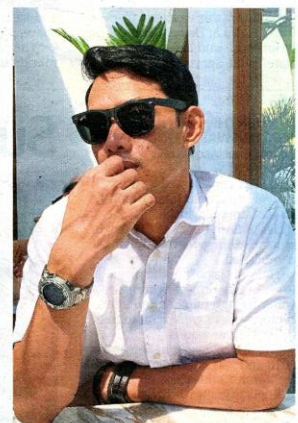
When contacted, Perak Environment Committee chairman Dr Abdul Aziz Bari applauded the initiative by the public to reduce the usage of plastics.

"People are now more aware about the harm of single-use plastics to the environment."

"The state government has not decided on banning plastic completely because we need to consider several matters, especially the impact of a ban on the industry," he said.



(Above) Nurul Shakila says she uses her own containers for environmental and hygiene reasons.



Herman Iskandar also brings his own containers when buying food.



Advocates say more needs to be done to educate consumers about the hazards of non-biodegradable plastic. — Photos: RONNIE CHIN/The Star

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LAMPIRAN 16
THE STAR (NEWS): MUKA SURAT 4
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

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Sungai Untut weir being demolished

A NEWLY-constructed weir in Sungai Untut near Jalan Union 1, Kuala Lumpur which caused a series of flash floods in the neighbourhood since March, is being demolished.

The weir is part of the mega River of Life project, where a river water treatment plant and interceptor systems were built to treat or clean river water.

The project began in September 2016 and was due to be completed by March 13 this year.

Kuala Lumpur Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) director Nishad Mohamed Mohd Shaffy said demolition work started on May 13 and should be completed by the end of the month.

"The contractor did not follow the approved design, which caused the water level in the river to rise beyond what it should.

"When the water level in the river rises, the water from the drain cannot discharge to the river, causing it to flood the neighbourhood."

Nishad Mohamed said the contractor was issued a stop-work order and is only allowed to undertake rectification work.

"The project will not continue until the mistake is rectified. The



Manpal showing the weir that is being demolished. The squatter house across it is on the verge of collapsing.



A temporary pump has been installed to direct water into the river should flooding occur. — Photos: ONG SOON HIN/The Star

demolition should reduce the river water level by 0.5m to 0.8m."

He added that a water pump loaned by DID was installed at the lowest part of the Jalan Union 3 neighbourhood.

"The pump was fixed on Monday and if flooding occurs before the rectification work is completed, it will be switched on to suck out floodwaters from the neighbourhood which will be directed into

the river."

Jalan Union 3 resident Manpal Singh, 30, said he and another resident were tasked with holding a key to activate the pump in case of any delay by the contractor.

He claimed that the residents were promised a pump for every house but only one had been received so far.

"The residents were also informed by a DID officer that 3ft of

the weir on each side would remain as we fear destroying it would cause the walls to collapse.

"We were also told an underground sewer pipe was located close to the project site, and a squatter house had encroached into the river's reserve land which is at risk of collapsing during the demolition," said Manpal.

The worst floods occurred on May 19 and June 11 with floodwaters

rising to 0.6m.

Another resident, Sivakumar Sivanesom, said the losses he suffered increased with each flooding.

"I lost a wooden chest made by my late grandfather and an expensive collection of plates from England.

"My family home also had decades-old nyatoh wood furniture which is irreplaceable," said Sivanesom.



LAMPIRAN 17  
 HARIAN METRO (SETEMPAT): MUKA SURAT 10  
 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

# RACUN MALANG KEMBALI

■ Simptom sesak nafas, muntah 15 murid sama seperti kesan pencemaran Kim-Kim

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**Putrajaya**

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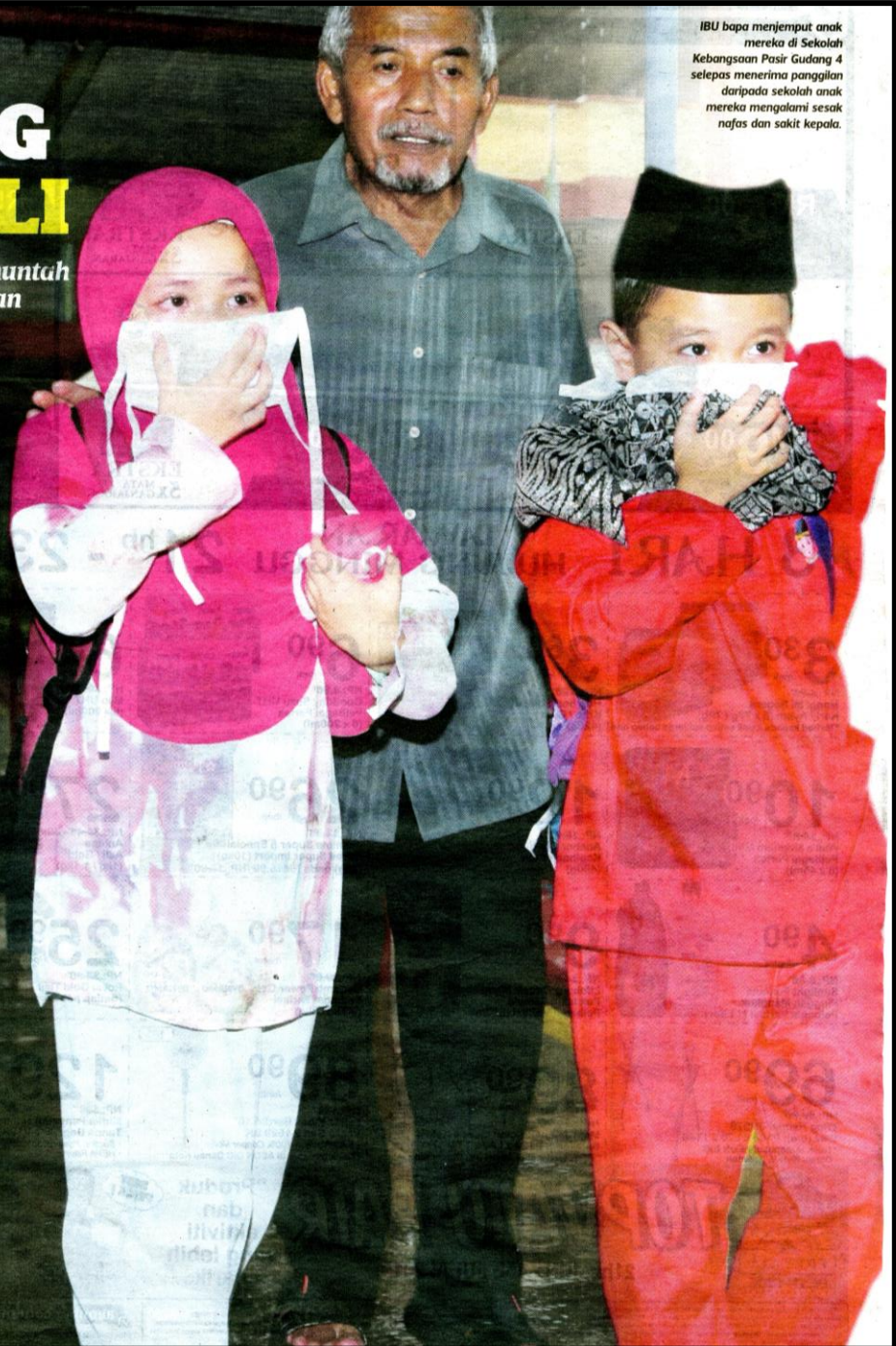
"Maklumat awal yang kami peroleh mendapati simptom dialami murid itu kemungkinan besar berpunca daripada pencemaran gas organik, sama seperti kes Sungai Kim Kim," katanya ketika sidang media di sini, semalam.

Ditanya sama ada kementerian akan mengeluarkan arahan kepada sekolah berkenaan ditutup, beliau berkata, ia masih terlalu awal untuk membuat keputusan.

"Setakat ini situasi masih terkawal, kita akan pantau dan lihat situasi ini bagi mendapatkan maklumat lanjut termasuk menentukan punca dan tahap pencemaran udara yang berlaku," katanya.

Seramai 15 murid Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar di sini, semalam mengalami simptom sesak nafas dan muntah dengan lima daripada mereka dihantar ke hospital dipercayai akibat pencemaran udara.

IBU bapa menjemput anak mereka di Sekolah Kebangsaan Pasir Gudang 4 selepas menerima panggilan daripada sekolah anak mereka mengalami sesak nafas dan sakit kepala.





# LAMPIRAN 17 (SAMB.) HARIAN METRO (SETEMPAT): MUKA SURAT 11 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)



kan sembur nyamuk tapi baunya meloyakan," kata Nuraisah Palawi, 40 waris kepada salah seorang 15 murid Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Pasir Gudang 4 dan Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar di sini, yang mengalami simptom muntah dan sesak nafas, semalam.

Katanya, anak saudaranya, Ahmad Ghanidi Imran, 8, ketika itu berada di sekolah berkenaan seperti biasa pada waktu pagi dan menyertai majlis jamuan hari raya yang dianjurkan pihak sekolah pada waktu petang.

"Namun, pada sebelah petang, ketika saya mahu menghantar anak saudara ke SK Pasir Gudang 4 membawa bersama bekal untuk diberikan kepada pihak sekolah bagi tujuan meraikan jamuan hari raya, tiba-tiba saya bau sesuatu yang busuk.

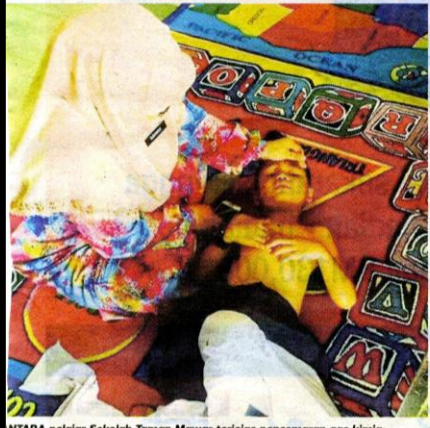
"Saya ingatkan bau sembur nyamuk, saya abaikan dan pulang ke rumah di Flat Taman Mawar. Namun bau itu semakin kuat sekitar jam 3 petang.

"Tidak lama kemudian saya melihat gambar murid terbaring dari aplikasi WhatsApp dan mula rasa tidak sedap hati," katanya ketika ditemui di Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar, semalam.

Nuraisah yang juga suri rumah berkata, dia membawa pakaian bersih dan peralatan kecemasan kerana khuatir sesuatu yang buruk berlaku kepada anak saudaranya.

"Apabila tiba di SK Pasir Gudang 4, orang ramai memaklumkan murid yang terjejas dipindahkan ke Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar. Saya bergegas ke sekolah terbahit dan mendapati ambulans keluar masuk dan orang ramai di pekarangan sekolah.

"Saya nampak hampir 10 kanak-kanak berwajah



ANTARA pelajar Sekolah Taman Mawar terjejas pencemaran gas kimia.



ASUKAN keselamatan tiba di Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar Pasir Gudang selepas menerima laporan murid sekolah mengalami sesak nafas dan sakit epala dipercayai terhidu bau gas bocor.



## KES KERACUNAN UDARA DI SEKOLAH AGAMA TAMAN MAWAR PASIR GUDANG

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## 'Saya ingatkan ubat nyamuk'

puat, berpeluh dan menangis ketakutan. Pada masa sama anak saya (Ahmad Ghanidi Imran, 8) tidak kritikal dan jururawat yang memeriksanya memaklumkan sekiranya di rumah mengalami sakit, segera bawanya ke hospital.

"Sekolah ditutup sejak jam 3.46 petang tadi dan semua ibu bapa diminta membawa pulang anak masing-masing," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, suri rumah, Suhana Abdullah, 33, berkata fobia pencemaran Sungai Kim Kim baru saja berakhir namun kini penduduk berdepan episod malang baru.

Ibu kepada pasangan kembar, Nor Imelda dan Nor Emelia Mohd Nizam, 7, berkata, dimaklumkan mengenai kejadian itu yang dikongsi menerusi kumpulan WhatsApp sekolah.

"Dalam kumpulan sekolah itu, guru mengarahkan ibu

bapa mengambil anak-anak selepas dipercayai berlaku kebocoran gas. "Kebetulan saya tertidur dan jiran memaklumkan perkara itu, saya bergegas ke sekolah untuk mengambil anak kembar serta anak jiran.

"Mungkin panik lihat rakan-rakannya muntah, anak kembar saya turut sama menangis, namun tidak berdepan masalah sebelum dibawa pulang," katanya ketika ditemui di SK Pasir Gudang 4, di sini.

Menurutnya, bau busuk seakan-akan kebocoran gas bagaikan fenomena biasa kepada penduduk kawasan berkenaan, namun tidak ke tahap membimbangkan.

"Kami (penduduk) ingatkan ia normal kerana sudah menghidu bau seakan gas bocor sejak sekian lama, hinggalah baunya kuat sedikit hari ini dan murid berasa loya, muntah dan pening kepala," katanya.

Difahamkan kesan loya, pening dan muntah dirasai

murid yang berada di tingkat atas bangunan di kedua-dua sekolah terbahit.

Sementara itu, tinjauan di SK Pasir Gudang 4 mendapati ibu bapa mengambil anak masing-masing sejak jam 5 petang dan kelihatan Pasukan Unit Bahan Berbahaya (HAZMAT) Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) memeriksa kualiti udara di sekolah berkenaan.

Bagaimanapun, usaha mendapatkan maklumat lanjut berkaitan kejadian itu gagal mendapat reaksi positif daripada pengurusan sekolah, selain diminta anggota polis untuk meninggalkan kawasan sekolah atas arahan pihak atasan.

Pada 7 Mac lalu, kawasan sepanjang 1.5 kilometer di Sungai Kim Kim tercemar akibat pembuangan sisa toksik menjejaskan hampir 6,000 penduduk termasuk pelajar sekolah sehingga ditutup beberapa hari.

## Kawan muntah, terbaring

"Ketika di dalam dewan, saya nampak kawan saya muntah, ada yang terbaring. Selepas itu saya bersama kawan-kawan dibawa ke Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar sebelum dijemput ibu pulang," katanya.

Menurut ibunya, Nurul Aisyah Mohd Ramli, 33, dia yang bekerja ketika itu bergegas ke SA Taman Mawar sebaik dimaklumkan pengurusan SK Pasir Gudang 4 untuk berbuat demikian. Katanya, pengurusan

sekolah meminta ibu bapa mengambil anak masing-masing di SA Taman Mawar kerana SK Pasir Gudang 4 ditutup bagi membantu siasatan.

"Anak mengalami simptom muntah dan loya sebelum diperiksa kakitangan hospital. Alhamdulillah, anak saya baik dan tidak mengalami masalah lain.

"Kakitangan perubahan yang merawatnya memaklumkan anak saya

boleh dibawa pulang, namun sekiranya terdapat simptom seperti dinyatakan, segera pergi ke Hospital Sultan Ismail (HSI) untuk menjalani pemeriksaan lanjut," katanya.

Kedudukan kedua-dua sekolah itu hampir tujuh kilometer dari Sungai Kim Kim, kawasan berlaku pencemaran toksik 7 Mac lalu hingga menyebabkan 2,775 orang awam menerima rawatan dan sembilan dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU).



LAMPIRAN 18  
HARIAN METRO (SETEMPAT): MUKA SURAT 13  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

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# Simptom sama Kim Kim

MURID SA Taman Mawar Pasir Gudang menerima rawatan selepas terhidu gas bocor.

MURID SK Pasir Gudang 4 mengalami sesak nafas dan sakit kepala dipercayai terhidu gas bocor.

PASUKAN keselamatan, bomba dan pegawai perubatan berada di SA Taman Mawar Pasir Gudang selepas menerima laporan kebocoran gas.

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**Pasir Gudang**

### Belum tahu punca kejadian

Insiden 15 kakitangan dan murid Sekolah Agama (SA) Taman Mawar dan Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Pasir Gudang 4 di sini, sesak nafas dan muntah sehingga dirawat di hospital disifatkan berbeza dengan pencemaran Sungai Kim-Kim, Mac lalu.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan, Kebudayaan Dan Warisan Johor, Mohd Khuzzan Abu Bakar berkata, walaupun puncanya belum diketahui tetapi situasi dalam kejadian terbaharu itu lebih terkawal.

"Saya ingin maklumkan kepada orang ramai supaya jangan panik dan kita tidak tahu apakah punca sebenarnya.

"Ia sangat berbeza dengan Sungai Kim Kim (senario pencemaran udara akibat pembuangan sisa kimia)," katanya pada sidang media di Sekolah Agama Taman Mawar di sini, semalam.

Beliau turut mengingatkan orang ramai yang mengalami masalah kesihatan dan mengalami simptom loya dan muntah supaya terus mendapatkan rawatan.

"Keadaan terkawal dan kita ada pihak jawatankuasa yang memantau situasi di sini. Punca kejadian masih dalam siasatan," katanya.

LAMPIRAN 19  
THE STAR (ASEAN): MUKA SURAT 20  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

## 6.3-magnitude earthquake rocks Papua

**JAKARTA:** A 6.3-magnitude earthquake hit Papua, in eastern Indonesia, US seismologists said, but no tsunami warning was issued.

The quake hit about 250km west of the town of Abepura in Papua province at 12.46am local time yesterday, at a depth of 12km, according to the US Geological Survey.

The quake was felt weakly in Abepura, but most people did not notice it.

"I was still awake at home but I did not feel it all and none of my neighbours ran out of their home," said resident Arul Firmansyah.

There were no immediate reports of casualties after the earthquake.

Indonesia experiences frequent seismic and volcanic activity due to its position on the Pacific "Ring of Fire". Last year, a 7.5-magnitude quake and a subsequent tsunami in Palu on Sulawesi island killed more than 2,200 with a thousand more declared missing. — AFP





LAMPIRAN 20  
NEW STRAITS TIMES (WORLD): MUKA SURAT 63  
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LAMPIRAN 21  
THE SUN DAILY (NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS): MUKA SURAT 8  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)



Greenpeace activists yesterday protest in front of the Foreign Ministry ahead of the 34th Asean summit in Bangkok, Thailand. - REUTERSPIX

### Protesters urge Asean leaders to ban trash imports

**BANGKOK:** Protesters yesterday dumped plastic waste in front of a government building here and called on Southeast Asian leaders to ban imports of trash from developed countries.

The protest comes ahead of a weekend meeting of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), with many countries struggling to deal with the flood of plastic waste unleashed by China's decision last year to stop importing recyclables from abroad.

Countries in Asean now receive more than a quarter of global plastic waste, most of which comes from developed economies like Canada, the US, Australia, and Japan.

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They called for Asean countries to ban the export of waste "from anywhere in the world into the region".

The trash pile-up in Southeast Asia accelerated after China stopped accepting waste in 2018, and Greenpeace says plastic refuse imports have increased by a staggering 171% since 2016.

The imported waste is supposed to be

recycled, but sometimes arrives mixed with unrecyclable items or is improperly handled and ends up being burnt or leaking into waterways and the sea.

Thailand imports waste from scores of countries, much of it ending up in landfills and waste disposal facilities that have prompted pollution complaints from residents.

The contaminated groundwater run-off and toxic fumes caused by disposing of plastic and electronic waste can cause serious environmental and health problems if not properly treated.

The Asean summit, which kicks off tomorrow, has not put the waste issue on its agenda. - AFP





LAMPIRAN 22  
NEW STRAITS TIMES (LETTERS): MUKA SURAT 59  
TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)

ASIAN CITIES

# WITH GOOD LIFE COMES AIR POLLUTION

**O**F the seven million people in the world who die prematurely of air pollution every year, four million are in Asia. That is a sobering statistic.

Air pollution is the main environmental cause of disease. Given the scale of its impact, it is a fitting and timely theme of the United Nations' World Environment Day this year.

Governments in Asia have been trying to address this challenge as their economies grew over the last few decades, leading to increased urbanisation and rising energy demand.

For example, Malaysia is encouraging commercial and industrial buildings to use solar energy by offering them tax incentives and the opportunity to sell the solar-generated electricity under the Net Energy Metering scheme.

But overall, Asia's air pollution has not improved.

Next year, it could get worse because the region's economies are projected to be larger than the rest of the world combined.

Asia can mitigate this by speeding up its transition to renewables, complemented with natural gas and curbing its reliance on coal, which emits air pollutants, like sulphur dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxides.

It will be a massive task that will depend not only on policymakers but also on businesses, environmental and city experts, as well as many individuals on the ground, working together.

One example is the Smart Cities Network.



Asia can reduce its air pollution by speeding up its transition to renewable energy sources. REUTERS PIC

Set up last year by Asean, it will help 26 pilot cities address societal and environmental challenges.

Asean will need to move quickly.

Some 90 million people are expected to move into its cities by 2030 and it has set a target of 23 per cent renewables in its primary energy mix by 2025, a 250 per cent increase from 2014.

Gas renewables, however, solve only part of the problem because they chiefly produce electricity,

which makes up 20 per cent of the world's final energy use.

Industries like cement, steel, plastics, trucking, shipping and aviation, which cannot be easily electrified yet, require hydrocarbons.

This is where natural gas, which produces less than one-tenth the air pollutants than coal when burnt for electricity, can play a part.

The good news is many countries in Asia are recognising this. While China consumes half the

world's coal, Beijing has experienced the benefits of switching to gas for heating.

Last year, worldwide demand for gas grew at its fastest rate since 2010, and natural gas made up nearly 45 per cent of the rise in total energy demand, the highest among all fuel types.

But this was not enough to offset demand for coal, especially in Asia, home to half the world's population and growing.

Every year, Asian cities attract 44 million new inhabitants, all

searching for a better way of life.

With this prosperity comes new luxuries: new homes, cars and appliances. These are the products of the good life that Asia deserves. But this prosperity will be short-lived if its people do not enjoy good health.

Clean air, after all, is not a luxury. It is a necessity.

**MAARTEN WETSelaar**

Integrated gas and new energies director, member of the executive committee, Royal Dutch Shell



LAMPIRAN 23  
 NEW STRAITS TIMES (WORLD): MUKA SURAT 59  
 TARIKH: 21 JUN 2019 (JUMAAT)



**ELEVATED VIEWPOINT**

An aerial photo showing the Zhijin Grand Canyon sightseeing elevator in Bijie, in southwest China's Guizhou Province, on Tuesday. The 108m-high elevator, which connects the upper and lower levels of the canyon, went into service in 2014. AFP PIC

ENVIRONMENT

**SAY NO TO TRASH, ASEAN URGED**

Ahead of summit, protesters urge leaders to ban waste imports

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Greenpeace activists dumping waste and holding placards calling for a stop to waste dumping, in front of the Foreign Ministry in Bangkok yesterday. EPA PIC

or leaking into waterways and the sea.

The issue has been in the headlines recently after the Philippines sent a huge shipment of garbage back to Canada, sparking a diplomatic row.

And last week, Indonesia returned five containers of rubbish to the US, saying it refused to be a "dumping ground".

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scores of countries, much of it ending up in landfills and waste disposal facilities that have prompted pollution complaints from residents.

"There is air, dust, and water pollution... it burdens the Thai people," said Jom Naowaopas, an activist from Chachoengsao province where several dumpsites are located.

The contaminated groundwater run-off and toxic fumes caused by disposing of plastic and electronic waste can cause serious environmental and health problems if not properly treated.

The Asean summit, which kicks off tomorrow with a foreign ministers' meeting, has not put the waste issue on its agenda.

But discussions would have as a "priority" the issue of marine waste because it affected "the food chain of people worldwide", Thai government spokesman Werachon Sukondhapatipak said on Wednesday. AFP