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LAMPIRAN 1
BERITA HARIAN (BISNES): MUKA SURAT 61
TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)



Chun Shiong (tiga dari kiri) dan Bee Yin pada pelancaran prospektus Solarvest di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

(Foto Aizuddin Saad/BH)

Solarvest firma solar tunggal masuk Bursa

Sasar raih dana RM34.6 juta menerusi IPO dalam pasaran ACE November ini

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Solarvest Holdings Bhd (Solarvest), menyasar meraih dana RM34.6 juta menerusi pelaksanaan tawaran awam permulaan (IPO) bagi penyenaraian dalam Pasaran ACE Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd pada November ini.

Penyenaraian syarikat kejuruteraan, pemerolehan, pembi-

naan dan pelaksanaan dalam industri solar panel itu bakal menjadi peserta industri pertama disenaraikan di pasaran awam membabitkan penawaran 98.828 juta saham baharu yang ditawarkan pada harga 35 sen sesaham.

Daripada jumlah itu, kira-kira 19.53 juta adalah saham baharu ditawarkan kepada umum, 19.53 juta saham lagi ditawarkan kepada pengarah, pekerja dan pihak individu, 39.06 juta saham diperuntukkan untuk pelabur Bumiputra yang diluluskan Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri (MITI), dan 20.7 juta saham untuk pelabur terpilih.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Kumpulannya, Davis Chong Chun Shiong, berkata sebahagian besar dana yang dijana IPO itu iaitu RM19.2 juta atau 55.5 peratus daripada akan digunakan sebagai modal kerja bagi operasi harian dan projek

masa hadapan.

Manakala, katanya, sebanyak RM3 juta atau 8.7 peratus akan digunakan sebagai modal pengembangan perniagaan di pasaran domestik dan antara-bangsa dan sebanyak RM4 juta lagi akan diperuntukkan sebagai perbelanjaan modal meningkatkan keupayaan teknikal kumpulan.

"Menjelang penyenaraian di pasaran ACE kelak, Solarvest akan disenaraikan dengan permodalan pasaran RM135.7 juta berdasarkan harga tawaran 35 sen sesaham.

"Kumpulan memiliki prospek cerah berdasarkan lonjakan pertumbuhan industri solar negara terutama dalam segmen jana kuasa solar berskala besar (LSSPV)," katanya kepada media pada sidang media pelancaran prospektusnya di Kuala Lumpur, semalam.

Majlis pelancaran prospektus disempurnakan Menteri

Tenaga, Teknologi, Sains, Perubahan Iklim dan Alam Sekitar, Yeo Bee Yin.

Mengulas lanjut, beliau berkata, sebelum pengembangan ke luar negara, Solarvest akan menumpukan kepada pasaran domestik bagi menyiapkan tempahan kontrak kumpulan kini yang mencecah RM200 juta.

Katanya, jumlah tempahan kontrak itu sudah pun melangkaui 1.7 kali ganda lebih tinggi berbanding pendapatannya kini dan akan menyokong pendapatan kumpulan untuk tempoh sehingga 12 bulan.

"Kumpulan merancang untuk mengembangkan lagi kehadiran kami di Negeri Sembilan, Melaka dan Johor.

"Pada masa yang sama kami meninjau dan mengadakan rundingan dengan pihak berpotensi di Vietnam dan Taiwan untuk perluasan kumpulan pada masa depan," katanya.

LAMPIRAN 2
 THE STAR (NEWS): MUKA SURAT 4
 TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

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KUALA LUMPUR: Solarvest Holdings Bhd, which is en route to an ACE Market listing, plans to expand into foreign markets within the next two years.

Slated to be the first solar-related engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning (EPCC) provider to be listed on Bursa Malaysia, Solarvest has shortlisted Taiwan and Vietnam as its potential foreign markets.

The company is in talks with local companies in the two countries as joint-venture partners.

It also planned to expand its business into the southern region of Peninsular Malaysia, having set up an office in Johor to cover businesses from Negri Sembilan, Melaka and Johor.

Solarvest aimed to invest RM3mil from its IPO proceeds for its geographical expansion, of which RM2.3mil is for its Taiwan and Vietnam ventures while RM700,000 will be used to expand into the southern region of Peninsular Malaysia.

According to Solarvest chief executive officer Davis Chong, Malaysia will continue to be Solarvest's main market.

The geographical expansion is expected to diversify the company's income base which is concentrated in the northern and central regions of the country.

"Our stronghold and core business activities will remain in the country. We are looking to diversify our business with a revenue ratio of 70% from Malaysia and 30% abroad," he

Solarvest to go regional

Company plans to venture into Taiwan and Vietnam



Market expansion: (from left) Atlantic Blue Holdings Sdn Bhd director Tan Paw Boon, Chong, Yeo, Solarvest MD Lim Chin Siu and executive director Edmund Tan at the event.

told reporters after the launch of Solarvest's prospectus by Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Minister Yeo Bee Yin here yesterday.

Solarvest planned to raise RM34.6mil from its initial public offering (IPO) at an issue

price of 35 sen per share.

It is slated to be listed on Nov 26.

The IPO entailed a public issue of about 98.83 million shares in the group, representing 25.3% of its enlarged share capital.

Upon listing, Solarvest will have market

capitalisation of RM136.7mil.

Of the RM34.6mil amount to be raised, about RM19.20mil or 55.5% would be used for the group's working capital for daily operations and future projects.

Solarvest also planned to purchase machinery and equipment as well as upgrade its information technology software and hardware.

The remaining IPO proceeds would be used to repay bank borrowings (RM5mil or 14.5%) and listing expenses (RM3.4mil or 9.8%).

Moving forward, Chong said Solarvest would focus on being a turnkey EPCC provider for large-scale solar plant projects.

The solar sector is expanding due to the increasing interest in renewable energy.

"The upward growth trajectory of the renewable energy industry will undoubtedly provide Solarvest new growth opportunities, especially in the large scale solar photovoltaic segment.

"In addition, all solar contractors for engineering, construction and commissioning of Large-Scale Solar three projects are now required to be 100% local.

"Malaysian solar contractors, including Solarvest, are poised to benefit from this positive development," said Chong.



LAMPIRAN 3
NEWS STRAITS TIMES (RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION): MUKA SURAT 19
TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

KL to host sustainable brands conference

KUALA LUMPUR: Sustainable Brands, an international sustainability conference that will be held in 11 cities, will be making its next stop, here, to advance the adoption of sustainability practices.

The Malaysian edition of the conference, known as Sustainable Brands Kuala Lumpur 2019, carries the theme "Future Forward" and will showcase the role of science, technology and innovation and partnerships in putting sustainability into action.

Invictus Blue group chief executive officer and convenor of the event Gerald Miranda said delegates would be able to discover how different industries, from tech, fashion, financial services, to academia, non-governmental organisations and social enterprises, were integrating sustainability into their business philosophy and operations to "profit with purpose".

Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Minister Yeo Bee Yin is expected to kick off the conference with a keynote address on responsible consumption and the circular economy.

Other notable speakers include United Nations Development Programme resident representative for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Niloy Banerjee, who will share specific initiatives and insights on UN sustainable development goals in Malaysia.

Meanwhile, Future Fit Foundation United Kingdom will introduce the Future Fit Business Benchmark, a global common science-based standard to measure the returns on social capital.

The benchmark enables companies with or without sustainable development goal-linked objectives to set better goals and improve day-to-day decisions by providing a means to measure, navigate and benchmark key performance indicators.

This is especially valuable for Malaysian businesses looking to make a mark in international markets, in line with increasing global requirements for compliance to environmental, social and governance standards and transparency in supply chains.

LAMPIRAN 4 THE STAR (BRIGHT KIDS): MUKA SURAT 3 TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

THE haze has now become an annual occurrence, with some years being worse than others. On top of that, with the weather becoming increasingly more unpredictable, there are pockets of bad haze during long dry periods too. Unprepared schools are experiencing a negative impact on learning and teaching.

However, while we cannot do anything about the haze directly, schools can prepare for it.

The American Lung Association states that when the Air Pollutant Index (API) reading is between 101 and 150, "all children, active adults and people with respiratory diseases, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion". Once the API reading is anywhere between 151 and 200, "all children, active adults and people with respiratory diseases should avoid prolonged outdoor exertion. Everyone else should limit prolonged outdoor exertion".

The association goes on to say that it is only when the API reaches 301 that everyone should stay indoors. Notice, however, that it does not specify that indoors is home. Essentially, we need to limit our exposure to outdoor air, but life can certainly carry on.

Irrespective of where one might stand on the topic, the reality is that education cannot stop. While the conditions are not ideal, our children need school and all the mental, emotional, and physical development it offers.

So, what must be done? elc International School Sungai Buloh campus principle Mark Jacobson says, "We cannot afford to let any obstacle stop learning. We need to improvise, adapt and overcome to stay competitive and relevant. This may require some creative thinking, or it may simply take some resolve in the face of adversity".

Given how topical air pollution is at the moment, teachers can weave this into the learning experience. For example, in geography, students can learn about how agriculture is one of the largest contributors to air pollution in the western world. You could then take that into a later class and pose the question on what can be done to

Ways to beat the haze

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Mark Jacobson

balance the need for food versus the pollution modern agricultural methods generate. In Mathematics, calculations can be based on trying to mathematically balance those two issues.

It is important to note that there are numerous ways to weave topical issues into a regular class and "breathe" life into an otherwise boring class. This also helps foster a generation that is clued in on serious topical matters and will hopefully go on to offer solutions to problems previous generations have failed to address.

The classroom is not the only area where the battle against the haze is waged. In many schools across Malaysia, students are pulled from outdoor Physical Education lessons once the API reading passes 100. elc International School Physical Education heads lament how team performance suffers when there are limitations on outdoor training.

Having said that, both heads are keen to

keep their students engaged, so classes have been moved to the multipurpose halls for calisthenics or for science lessons on physiology and health.

Parents also play a vital role in the continued development of students. Parents need to be attuned to how their child's body is coping with the increased exposure to the haze. If their child's breathing is laboured or her eyes are constantly irritated, seek medical advice. Share that information with your child's homeroom teacher so that the school can help manage your child's health effectively, too.

Secondly if you notice that your child is suffering a form of "cabin fever" from prolonged indoor "detention", explore avenues for getting them active indoors. Gymnastics, rock climbing, soft play, yoga, badminton and basketball are just some indoor options that can be explored. Maybe form small circles with parents of your child's classmates where you can each share responsibilities.

As elc International School Sungai Buloh campus head of secondary SohNee Chong says, "Without a doubt, when the API reading is high, we have to stay indoors, but that does not mean life and learning stop. Take the necessary precautions and never let the haze stop you."

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Even through the recent haze that had gripped our nation, teachers and students alike cannot let it be an obstacle to their learning journeys.

LAMPIRAN 5
 KOSMO! (VARIA): MUKA SURAT 21
 TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

Mahu hapuskan lebih 200 juta straw plastik



JENAMA produk makanan dan minuman terkemuka, Nestlé memperkenalkan inovasi pembungkusan untuk peket minuman Milo UHT 125 milliliter (ml) sekali gus melancarkan wajah baharu bagi suku keempat tahun ini.

Inovasi dalam usaha memerangi penghasilan sampah plastik itu turut menjadikan Nestlé sebagai syarikat makanan dan minuman pertama di Malaysia yang memperkenalkan straw kertas untuk minuman dibungkus.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Nestlé (Malaysia) Berhad, Juan Aranols berkata, wajah baharu Milo itu merupakan inisiatif pihaknya mengurangkan kesan perubahan iklim melalui teknologi canggih dan reka bentuk produk.

“Kita juga menyumbang kepada pengurangan sisa plastik dan pada masa sama mendidik pengguna untuk lebih menghargai alam sekitar. Inilah sumbangan terbaharu kami kepada ikrar Nestlé untuk membuat pembungkusan kami 100 peratus boleh dikitar semula atau boleh digunakan semula pada tahun 2025.

“Pasukan kami telah bekerja



ARANOLS (kanan) dan Su Yen menunjukkan pek baharu Milo UHT 125ml dengan straw kertas pada majlis pelancarannya di Kuala Lumpur baru-baru ini.

keras untuk berjaya melancarkan penyelesaian yang bukan sahaja berkesan dan berskala tetapi paling penting, memenuhi piawaian ketat kualiti produk Nestlé untuk keselamatan pengguna. Ini adalah sebahagian daripada komitmen berterusan kami untuk terus berusaha mengurangkan sisa sampah plastik” katanya menerusi kenyataan akhbar baru-baru ini.

Tambahnya, Nestlé Malaysia juga merancang untuk melancarkan penyelesaian pembungkusan tersebut kepada varian Milo UHT yang lain dalam fasa secara progresif dengan matlamat utama menghapuskan lebih daripada 200 juta straw plastik setahun.

Sementara itu, Pegawai Eksekutif Perniagaan, Unit Perniagaan sediaan Minum Nestlé

(Malaysia) Berhad, Ng Su Yen berkata, dalam usaha untuk merealisasikan inisiatif berkenaan secara berterusan, pihaknya perlu memastikan bahawa bahan buatan iaitu jerami alternatif juga diperbuat daripada bahan berkualiti tinggi.

“Kita mahu bahan asas dalam pembuatan straw berkualiti tinggi dan sesuai dengan spesifikasi pembungkusan supaya tetap kukuh apabila digunakan juga tidak menimbulkan sebarang risiko keselamatan.

“Kami juga harus mengenal pasti pembekal yang mampu memenuhi standard ketat Nestlé dengan jumlah diperlukan untuk pengeluaran jumlah tinggi. Berikutan usaha ini, kami sangat gembira dapat berkongsi inovasi penting ini dengan para pelanggan,” ujarnya.

Tambahnya, pihak Nestlé akan terus membangunkan penyelesaian mesra alam. Malah, dua pertiga daripada jumlah bungkusan plastik Nestlé Malaysia kini direka untuk kitar semula.

PENGGUNAAN straw kertas merupakan inisiatif pihak Nestlé untuk mengurangkan kadar pembuangan sisa plastik.



LAMPIRAN 6
 THE STAR (NATION): MUKA SURAT 9
 TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

SPAN to probe odour pollution

Agency looking into raw water source over the Sg Semenyih plant shutdown

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PETALING JAYA: The National Water Services Commission (SPAN) will investigate the odour pollution of the raw water source that led to the shutdown the Sg Semenyih water treatment plant last week.

SPAN said stern action would be taken against any person or party who had released the contaminant, or had allowed it to be released into public sewers or any public sewage treatment facility, under Section 61(1) of the National Water Services Industry Act 2006 (Act 655).

It added that if found guilty, the accused can be fined not more than RM100,000 or

imprisoned not more than a year or both as stated under Section 61(2) of the same Act.

SPAN clarified that the source of the odour pollution was not from the sewage treatment operations conducted by Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd (IWK).

"The cause of the pollution is suspected to be from illegal waste disposal near the Bandar Mahkota sewerage treatment plant.

"We have also told IWK to take immediate action to reduce the odour pollution at the plant," it said in a statement yesterday.

SPAN noted that IWK have also been told to closely monitor its plants so that there would not be illegal waste disposal activity near its plants.

IWK had also denied allegations that the odour pollution had originated from its sewage treatment plant in Bandar Mahkota, adding that the pollution was due to the illegal waste disposal near its plant.

On Saturday, water supply cuts affected 372,031 households in the Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat and Sepang districts in Selangor as the Semenyih river treatment plant had to shut down due to the odour pollution.

Some 204 areas involving 372,031 accounts in Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat and Sepang were affected by the unscheduled water cuts.

The closure resulted in the reduced production of treated water by up to 357 million litres

a day.

The water treatment plant fully resumed operations the next day.

Currently, Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) said water supply in Hulu Langat had been fully restored, while full restoration was still in progress in Petaling, Kuala Langat and Sepang.

Air Selangor's customer relation and communication department head, Abdul Raof Ahmad, said supply had been restored as at noon yesterday.

He urged consumers to get the latest information through the Air Selangor mobile app, its website at www.airselangor.com, its customer call centre at 15300 or via WhatsApp at 019-281 6783 or 019-280 0919.



LAMPIRAN 7
THE SUN (NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS): MUKA SURAT 2
TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

Langkawi to be main test bed for 5G technology

CYBERJAYA: Langkawi is set to play a key role in Malaysia's push towards the fourth industrial revolution, with the popular tourist island to be the main test bed for 5G demonstration projects.

Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) chairman Al-Ishsal Ishak said the island would be among the many locations that will see local private companies demonstrate the use of 5G technology.

Apart from Kedah, other places involved are Selangor, Penang, Perak, Terengganu and Kuala Lumpur.

Al-Ishsal said the demonstration projects, which will kick off this month until March next year, will involve eight companies with an initial investment of RM116 million, across nine different industries.

Several demonstrations involving at least seven of these industries - agriculture, digital healthcare, education, entertainment and media, smart city, smart transportation and tourism - will take place in Langkawi.

"Some may be asking why Langkawi. It is a remote island, and Langkawi already has Telekom Malaysia's fibre optic cables running around the island.

"We will also have possible interference issues with Thailand (considering the close proximity), so it's the perfect test bed. So an island is perfect, as it's also a closed environment," he said during a media briefing yesterday.

Al-Ishsal said among other things, the island will for the first time see the introduction of autonomous vehicles in the country, with Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad expected to go for a test ride early next year.

He said this and other demonstration projects would focus on facilitating and cultivating the development of an inclusive 5G ecosystem in pursuit of 5G technology adoption for businesses and consumers.

According to Al-Ishsal, the six-month demonstration projects will take Malaysia a step further in its effort to push 5G technology, noting that the country has been recognised as one of only five Asian nations which are on the forefront of this technology.

Al-Ishsal added following the completion of the demonstrations, a report would be submitted to Communications and Multimedia Minister Gobind Singh Deo.

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LAMPIRAN 8
BERITA HARIAN (DUNIA): MUKA SURAT 78
TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

Kebakaran hutan Indonesia

Hujan jadi penyelamat

Jumlah tompok panas menurun sehingga 78 peratus

Jakarta: Agensi Pencegahan Bencana Indonesia (BNPB) berkata, ia menjangka kebakaran hutan yang memusnahkan sebahagian besar pulau Sumatera dan Kalimantan di Borneo akan berakhir tidak lama lagi berikutan ketibaan musim hujan.

Selama beberapa bulan, Indonesia bertungkus-lumus menangani masalah kebakaran hutan, sering disebabkan amalan pertanian tebang dan bakar ketika corak cuaca El

Nino memburukkan lagi musim panas kering dan kebakaran menyebabkan jerebu di seluruh rantau itu.

“Merujuk kepada laporan dikumpul berdasarkan imej satelit terbaharu dan pemantauan langsung di lapangan, dapat dirumuskan bahawa episod kebakaran hutan 2019 akan berakhir tidak lama lagi,” kata jurucakap BNPB, Agus Wibowo dalam satu kenyataan.

Agensi kaji cuaca Indo-

nesia berkata, berdasarkan imej satelit, jumlah tompok panas didapati menurun sehingga 78 peratus dalam tempoh antara 26 hingga 28 September lalu.

Indonesia mengerah lebih 29,000 kakitangan untuk memadam kebakaran hutan dan puluhan pesawat bagi menjalankan pengeboman air dan pembenihan awan sekali gus menghasilkan hujan.

BNPB berkata, hujan turun di kawasan seperti Riau, Jam-

bi dan Sumatera Selatan serta wilayah Kalimantan Tengah di Borneo.

Agensi kaji cuaca berkata, ia akan mengekalkan prosedur pembenihan awan di kedua-dua Sumatera dan Kalimantan bagi mengoptimumkan potensi hujan.

Katanya, lebih 320,000 hektar kawasan hutan terbakar antara Januari hingga Ogos lalu, dalam apa yang dianggap kemusnahan terbesar sejak 2015.

REUTERS



Helikopter BNPB memadam kebakaran hutan berhampiran Banjar Masin di Wilayah Kalimantan Selatan, Indonesia.

(REUTERS)

LAMPIRAN 9
THE STAR (STAR ASEAN): MUKA SURAT 20
TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

Philippines warned anew of climate impact

MANILA: Extreme sea level rise as the oceans further heat up and more intense cyclones are threatening coastal communities around the world, including those in the Philippines, said a United Nations report on the impact of climate change on the ocean and the cryosphere.

Released last week, the special report by the UN-backed Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warned of even more drastic consequences that the world will face due to the unabated warming of the ocean and the rapid thawing of the cryosphere, or the frozen parts of Earth.

While these impacts will be felt globally, the Philippines – an archipelago in the Pacific Ocean with far less adaptive capacity than developed nations – will surely bear the brunt of these extreme events, said Lourdes Tibig, the lone Filipino contributor to the report.

“Whatever permafrost thawing that had happened, it will affect us even if we are far away because it results (in) what we call as major contributions to sea level rise,” she said in an interview with the *Inquirer* during the report’s Philippine launching on Thursday.

“There could be areas that will be permanently inundated, especially the low-lying ones. Productive agricultural areas near the coast could also be saline because of the intrusion of sea water.”

Without proper preparedness and access to resources, more human lives could also be put at risk due to more severe tropical cyclones, simi-



Disastrous cycle: Without proper preparedness, intense storms like 2013’s Super Typhoon Haiyan may become a norm in the Philippines. — AFP

lar to Super Typhoon Yolanda, internationally known as Haiyan, which battered Eastern Visayas in 2013.

“More intense storms may become the new normal,” Tibig said.

The report also projected that more extreme El Nino and La Nina would also likely intensify existing impacts, with drier and wetter events in several regions worldwide.

“With the ordinary (El Nino), we already find difficulty in adapting to it. What more if it becomes extreme?” Tibig said.

With these projections, coastal

communities may suffer from a “triple whammy” or compounded hazards that can happen simultaneously, with the threats of extreme sea level rise, El Nino and stronger storms ahead, she noted.

The report was the third to be released by the IPCC, a UN-backed body that assesses the science related to the changing climate.

More than 100 scientists from 36 countries worked on this report on the ocean, citing nearly 7,000 scientific papers and eliciting over 31,000 comments during the reviews.

The report observed that the global ocean, which is considered a major carbon sink, has already taken up over 90% of the world’s excess heat since the 1970s. Scientists noted that its rate of warming has doubled since 1993.

Marine heat waves, or periods of extremely high ocean temperatures, have already adversely impacted marine organisms and ecosystems, as well as “critical foundation species”, including corals, seagrasses and kelp. — Philippines Daily Inquirer/ANN



LAMPIRAN 10
THE STAR (STAR ASEAN): MUKA SURAT 19
TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

Indonesia: Rainy season expected to help end forest fires

JAKARTA: Indonesia's disaster mitigation agency (BNPB) said it expects forest fires that have been raging through parts of Sumatra island and in Kalimantan on the Indonesian portion of Borneo island will end soon with the arrival of the rainy season.

Indonesia has spent months battling forest fires, often caused by slash-and-burn farming practices, as an El Nino weather pattern inten-

sifies the annual dry season and fires create a choking haze across the region.

"Referring to a report compiled based on the latest satellite imagery and direct observations in the field, it can be concluded that the 2019 forest fires episode will soon be over," BNPB spokesperson Agus Wibowo said in a statement here yesterday.

Indonesia's weather agency also

said in a special announcement that based on satellite imagery, the number of hotspots had declined by 78% during the weekend.

Indonesia has deployed more than 29,000 personnel to fight fires and dozens of aircraft to conduct water bombing and cloud-seeding efforts to trigger rain.

Rain has fallen in areas such as Riau, Jambi and South Sumatra, as well, as in Central Kalimantan

province on Borneo island, the BNPB said.

The weather agency said it would maintain cloud-seeding procedures in both Sumatra and Kalimantan to optimise the potential for rain.

The BNPB said more than 320,000ha of forest had been burned from January to August this year, in what is seen as the worst such damage to forests since 2015. — Reuters

LAMPIRAN 11
BERITA HARIAN (DUNIA): MUKA SURAT 78
TARIKH: 1 OKTOBER 2019 (SELASA)

Taiwan arah sekolah ditutup, puluhan penerbangan dibatal

Yilan: Taufan Mitag yang diramalkan membadai utara Taiwan lewat semalam serta menyebabkan banjir dan angin kencang memaksa pasaran kewangan dan sekolah ditutup ketika syarikat penerbangan membatalkan puluhan penerbangan, kata pakar kaji cuaca.

Mitag yang dikategorikan sebagai taufan kedua paling ganas dijangka menghampiri pantai di daerah timur laut di sini dengan kelajuan angin maksimum 162 kilometer sejam.

Pegawai kaji cuaca berkata, taufan itu bergerak menyebarkan laut pada arah utara-barat laut pada kelajuan 27 kilometer sejam dan mungkin mengumpul kekuatan ketika menghampiri kepulauan itu.

Biro berkenaan mengeluarkan amaran angin kencang dan hujan untuk Taipei, bandar pelabuhan utara di Keelung dan daerah di utara selain amaran kepada nelayan di sekitar Taiwan.

"Taufan Mitag bakal membadai Taiwan. Sila pastikan kese-

lamatan dan membuat persediaan untuk serangan taufan," kata Perdana Menteri Su Tseng-chang di Facebook lewat kelmarin.

Puluhan penerbangan dan perkhidmatan feri dibatalkan sementara beberapa lebuhraya merentasi pulau itu ditutup di tengah kebimbangan tanah runtuh dan banjir.

Menurut ramalan, taufan itu juga dijangka membadai China di bandar timur Shanghai hari ini.

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Penduduk Taiwan berdepan tiupan angin kencang sebelum serangan Taufan Mitag lewat semalam.
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Late monsoon fury kills 100 in north India

PATNA: At least 100 people have died in northern India over the last three days in unusually heavy late monsoon rains which have submerged streets, hospital wards and houses, officials said.

Dozens of boats were pressed into service on streets overflowing with gushing rain water in Patna, the capital of the eastern state of Bihar, after torrential downpours far stronger than the normal.

At least 27 people have lost their lives across the state and another 63 in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh since Friday, authorities said. With more rain predicted, weather experts say September could end as the wettest in more than a hundred years.

"Patna alone has recorded some 226mm of rainfall since Friday," Bihar disaster response official M. Ramachandru said.

Photos showed patients lying on hospital beds in dirty rain water at the state-run Nalanda Medical College and Hospital in Patna.

It has also been raining heavily in southern India and in the western state of Gujarat. — AFP