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Nationwide Air Pollutant Index (API) readings (As at 8pm yesterday)

API reading categories: Good 0-50 | Moderate 51-100 | Unhealthy 101-200 | Very unhealthy 201-300 | Hazardous Above 300

91	169	174	165	178	171	167	154	157	166	161	189	184	176	190	167
Kuching, Sarawak	Cheras, FT K. Lumpur	FT Putrajaya	Klang, Selangor	Johan Setia, Selangor	Shah Alam, Selangor	Petaling Jaya, Selangor	Minden, Penang	Kemaman, Terengganu	Indera Mahkota, Kuantan, Pahang	Tasek Ipoh, Perak	Seremban, N. Sembilan	Nilai, N. Sembilan	Bandaraya Melaka, Melaka	Segamat, Johor	Larkin, Johor

Source: Air Pollution Index Management System (Apimis)

Unhealthy air across 36 areas

DOE: Persistent haze due to dry weather across Asean

PETALING JAYA: Haze continued to persist across the country, with 36 areas nationwide recording unhealthy Air Pollutant Index (API) readings as of 6pm yesterday.

Based on the Department of Environment's (DOE) Air Pollutant Index Management System (APIMS) portal, Segamat in Johor, recorded the highest API reading at 191, followed by Seremban in Negri Sembilan at 188.

Other affected areas in Johor were Kluang (180), Tangkak (175), Pasir Gudang (171), Larkin (170), Batu Pahat (165), Pengerang (157) and Kota Tinggi (154).

Other areas recording unhealthy API readings in Negri Sembilan were Nilai (184) and Port Dickson (169).

Unhealthy API levels were also recorded in Putrajaya at 175 and several areas in Selangor, namely Johan Setia (178), Shah Alam and Banting (171), Klang (166) and Petaling Jaya (165).

Cheras and Batu Muda in the capital city recorded readings of 170 respectively.



In Pahang, Rompin recorded 178, followed by Indera Mahkota (166), Balok Baru Kuantan (165) and Temerloh (153), while Kemaman in Terengganu recorded 158.

The affected areas in Melaka included Bukit Rambai (176), Bandaraya Melaka (175) and Alor Gajah (172), while in Perak, the affected areas were Tasek Ipoh (159), Pegoh Ipoh (156), Seri Manjung (155), Tanjung Malim (154) and Taiping (152).

In the northern states, Sungai Petani in Kedah recorded 152, while in Penang, the impacted areas included Minden (155), Seberang Perai (152) and Seberang Jaya (146).

The DOE said in a statement



Smoky skies:
An aerial view of the haze in Kuala Pilah, Negri Sembilan.
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that the situation persisted due to dry weather conditions in parts of the southern Asean region, with 94 hotspots detected in Kalimantan on Wednesday.

Citing the Asean Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC), the department said moderate to dense transboundary haze had been reported over southern and central Sumatra, Singapore and southern Peninsular Malaysia.

It urged the public to obtain air

quality information from the department's official channels to ensure that the information used was accurate and suitable for making decisions about daily activities and protecting health.

"For the official API readings, which are updated hourly, the public should refer to APIMS or the department's official Environmental Quality Monitoring System (EQMS) application.

"Readings from APIMS serve as

the government's official reference for issuing health-related advice and managing haze situations," DOE said.

It pointed out that differences between Malaysia's official API readings and figures shown on other platforms did not necessarily mean pollution levels were being underestimated, as the platforms could use different scales, calculation methods, averaging periods and data sources.