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Guidelines to be enforced by committee in Sarawak

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Government has issued a set of guidelines to be enforced by the National Disaster Relief Management Committee following the declaration of a haze emergency in Sarawak today.

The guidelines were issued along with the emergency order signed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his capacity as National Operations Director.

The guidelines are:

- * to order the closure of all government offices and businesses and other workplaces which include factories, plantations, construction and quarries;
- * to mobilise the Royal Malaysian Air Force and police to ensure the continuity of peace in Sarawak;
- * to stop all land clearing activities and transportation of earth;
- * to continue with cloud-seeding activities;
- * to discourage the people from using private vehicles;
- * to ensure all schools are closed;
- * to ensure the dissemination of information on Air Pollutant Index readings to the Press and electronic media is done promptly;
- * to advise the people through the media to stay indoors and precautionary measures to be taken if the haze worsens;
- * to ensure the Information Ministry keeps people up-to-date on the latest happenings;
- * to ensure the ban on open burning is enforced, and,
- * to ensure that the emergency is not misinterpreted as an order to stay indoors (except in special situations).

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