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HAZE: SARAWAKIANS ADVISED NOT TO PANIC OVER MASS RELOCATION NOTICE

KUCHING, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- Sarawakians have been advised not to panic over the statement by Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat regarding a mass relocation exercise if the haze situation worsens.

Industrial Development Minister Datuk Abang Johari Tun Abang Openg, contacted by Bernama here today, said that he had been asked by several people concerned over the statement.

Mohamed, who is the chairman of the National Disaster Management and Relief Committee, said yesterday, the committee at state level had been directed to immediately alert the national-level committee if the haze situation reached a level too hazardous for the public.

Abang Johari, who is the state assemblyman for Satok, said as explained by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, it would only be carried out as a last resort.

He said although the haze emergency was still effective due to the Air Pollutant Index (API) reading which was still at hazardous level, everything was under control.

He also urged the public to keep listening to the latest information on radio and observe all the directives issued from time to time. -- BERNAMA

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