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THREE FACTORIES IN NILAI TO REDUCE SMOKE EMISSION

SEREMBAN, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- Three factories in Nilai industrial area have been asked to reduce their smoke emission as part of efforts to control air pollution.

Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad said today the directive was issued by the state government two weeks ago.

"Besides the three factories, other factories in the area are also being monitored by the Department of Environment," he told reporters after launching the trust fund for the Regiment 508 here.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad urged the factories which emit smoke to stop their operations for a while to help the government in combatting the haze situation in the country now.

The State Natural Disaster Relief Committee chaired by the State Secretary was getting ready the necessary measures for implementation if the haze in Nilai got worse.

Mohamed Isa said the committee was closely monitoring the haze situation in Nilai.

He also said quarries operating in Nilai would be asked to tar the roads their lorries frequented to avoid dust pollution.

Previously they were asked to splash water on the road everyday, but it was not effective, he said. --BERNAMA

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