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Dark days in the haze

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CALAMITY befalls the nation this year, with Malacca's Durian Tunggal reservoir drying to its dregs. Beginning January 3, water rationing is to be enforced. By August 2, another pestilence has made its presence felt - atmospheric pollution plagues us.

But not all is gloom. On October 4, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad officially opens the beacon that is the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation.

On November 11, the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition takes place; and on December 15, Razif and Jalani Sidek win the Rothmans World Grand Prix doubles crown.