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ENFORCEMENT AGAINST OPEN BURNING STEPPED UP

KUALA LUMPUR, June 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has directed the Department of Environment (DOE) to step up enforcement measures against open burning offences in the country.

Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding said the directive was aimed at ensuring the good air quality in the country is maintained.

"The air quality is good, there is nothing to worry about," he told reporters here today.

He said finding a solution to the problem of open burning would be on the agenda of the one-day Asean Environment Ministers meeting to be held here on July 6.

He said his Ministry also planned to organise regional seminars towards achieving zero burning.

The seminars would be attended by officers from the various Asean environment ministries as well as plantation owners in Asean member countries, he added.

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