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MALAYSIA UNDERSTANDS INDONESIA'S PROBLEMS OVER HAZE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Malaysia understands the problems Indonesia is facing in controlling the current haze situation, the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said today.

Malaysia on its part was studying ways to prevent the haze from coming here and was considering cloud seeding, he said.

"But the haze has since dissipated as it rained yesterday," he told reporters after launching the Women's Day 2002 celebrations themed "Nurul: Moulding a Knowledgeable Generation." at Stadium Putra, Bukit Jalil here.

He said this when asked to comment on the emergence of haze in Malaysia following the forest burning in Indonesian provinces such as Sumatra and West Kalimantan.

Many flights in Kalimantan and Sumatra have been cancelled or rescheduled because of the haze.

On Wednesday, Malaysian Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Law Hieng Ding said the haze situation in Malaysia was under control and only one area in Sarawak was classified as unhealthy.

Law said he had written to his Indonesian counterpart urging him to take urgent measures to control the haze.

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