

33 areas with unhealthy APIs as of 7pm
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The number of areas in the country with an unhealthy Air Pollutant Index (API) has risen to 33 as at 7pm today, compared to 31 areas at 2pm.

According to the Department of Environment (DOE), two new areas which recorded unhealthy air quality were Sibul (106) and Pasir Gudang (103), while Banting recorded the highest API so far, at 188.

Other areas in SELANGOR that were severely affected by the haze were Port Klang (181), Petaling Jaya (168), Shah Alam (167) [photo] and Kuala Selangor (137).

In SARAWAK, three places recorded an unhealthy API, namely Samarahan (104), Sarikei (126) and Sri Aman (136).

Adverse haze conditions have also enveloped KUALA LUMPUR with Batu Muda recording an API of 183, Cheras (161) while Putrajaya had a reading of 164.

For TERENGGANU, Kemaman and Paka recorded unhealthy readings of 134 and 112 respectively while in Johor, it was at Larkin Lama (105) and Muar (140).

In PENANG, the three worst affected areas were Seberang Perai 2 (150), USM (145) and Georgetown (124).

Other areas affected were Malacca City (161), Bukit Rambai (182), Nilai (187), Port Dickson (183), Seremban (175), Balok Baru in Kuantan (135), Indera Mahkota (118), Jerantut (125), Jalan Tasek (153), Kampung Air Putih, Taiping (141), Sekolah Kebangsaan Jalan Pegoh, Ipoh (167), Seri Manjung (173) and Bakar Arang, Sungai Petani (127).

An API of between 0 and 50 is considered good, 51 to 100 (medium), 101 to 200 (unhealthy), 201 to 300 (very unhealthy) and 300 and above (hazardous).

Members of the public can refer to MOE's portal to find out the latest API readings.

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