

Thai people send complaint letter to Indonesia over haze

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The people of Songkhla who were affected by the choking haze caused by forest fires in Indonesia today sent a letter of complaint to Indonesia.

Over 20 people representing private development body on the name of 'Hatyai-Songkhla Residents Affected by Haze from Indonesia' handed over the letter to Wanney Fabiomata, the community and culture division consul at the Indonesian consulate in Songkhla.

The letter, among others, stated that the haze had started to take its toll on public health.

"People, including children and senior citizens, are starting to have breathing problems and allergies and can only wonder when this whole haze issue will be solved.

"As such, we are begging you to communicate with your government to take the responsibility and give its commitment to solve the issue.

"Only the Indonesian government knows the causes and solutions to the issue," the letter said.

The Air Pollutant Index readings in seven southern districts of Thailand as at 9am today were 210 in Satun (dangerous to health), Songkhla 163 (dangerous to health), Phuket 136 (dangerous to health), Pattani 102 (moderate), Yala 97 (moderate), Narathiwat 72 (moderate) and Surat Thani 59 (moderate).

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