

Malaysia To Use Direct Attack Techniques To Tame South Sumatera Fires
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JOHOR BAHARU, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department is expected to use 'direct attack' techniques to tame the fires in South Sumatera.

Its Johor assistant director (Operations) Mohd Rizal Buang said another approach would be to build drains with the use of heavy machinery, to stem the fire line.

"We can also use the 'trenching fireline', which is suitable for conditions such as peat soil," he told Bernama when contacted here today.

Earlier in a media conference, Mohd Rizal said firemen in the 'Operasi Jerebu Indonesia 2015' would have a daunting task as the forest fires they would be facing involved peat soil.

"The operation this time will be more challenging as there are many more hotspots, which are scattered," he said.

In this regard, he said the team would also comprise seasoned officers with experience from past forest fire missions.

Currently, he said, the department was awaiting the greenlight from Indonesia to send 1,200 personnel involving 41 teams to the country.

"From Johor, 125 personnel and 40 senior officers would be involved," he added.

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