

API Reading In Palangkaraya Touching 1,800

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JAKARTA, Sept 29 (Bernama) -- The haze situation in Palangkaraya, the capital of Central Kalimantan, is very worrying as the Air Pollutant Index (API) reading in the region has now reached almost 1,800.

According to the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency website the API reading for the region at about 5 pm local time was 1,700 and its index was found to be increasing.

Palangkaraya's environment was in a hazardous state the past few days and this morning the API reading was at 500.

According to local media reports, the haze in Palangkaraya has paralysed all daily activities and all schools have been closed since Monday after the area was declared a 'haze emergency'.

The haze in the region is caused by peat fires in Kalimantan and two days ago the situation was reported to be at a very unhealthy level before switching to hazardous since yesterday.

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