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Johor Department of Environment (DoE) is monitoring the air quality in the area around the burnt paint factory in Taman Perindustrian Datuk Yunus Sulaiman at Lima Kedai in Iskandar Puteri May 28, 2024 – Picture courtesy of Ling Tian Soon

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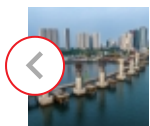
ISKANDAR PUTERI, May 28 — The Johor Department of Environment (DoE) is monitoring the air quality at a residential area for possible harmful fumes after a fire involving a nearby paint factory broke out in Taman Perindustrian Datuk Yunus Sulaiman in Lima Kedai here yesterday.

Johor Health and Environment Committee chairman Ling Tian Soon said DoE personnel were tasked with monitoring the air quality in the area around the factory from 12.30am to 8am today.

As a precaution, he said the monitoring was carried out in the nearby residential area of Jalan Bahagia 1 which is located about 300 metres away from the paint factory.

“Additional monitoring of the air quality was also carried out in front of the SJKC Ping Ming vernacular school that is located about

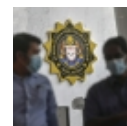
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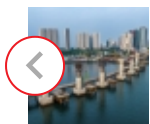


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The paint factory contained various flammable paint solvents and chemicals that were harmful.

Ling, popularly known as Ah Soon, said initial checks on the Jalan Bahagia 1 residential area revealed that there was a chemical-like odour in the air.

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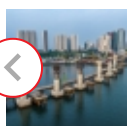
A Johor Department of Environment enforcement officer monitoring the air quality at SJKC Ping Ming vernacular school that is located about 500 metres from the burnt paint factory in Taman Perindustrian Datuk Yunos Sulaiman at Lima Kedai in Iskandar Puteri May 28, 2024. – Picture courtesy of Ling Tian Soon

“However, the air monitoring reading was satisfactory with no odour exceeding AEGL 1.

“Monitoring in front of SJKC Ping Ming school also did not detect any odour and the air quality also showed no pollution,” said the Yong Peng assemblyman.

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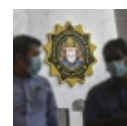
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the burnt site.

“Therefore, I urge for all residents to be prepared in the event that they have to leave their homes to a safer location,” he told *Malay Mail* when contacted.

There are about 2,000 residents who are at risk of being affected if there are harmful fumes emitted from the burnt factory.

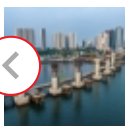
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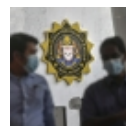
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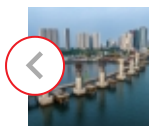
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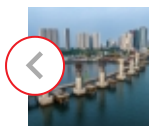


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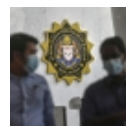
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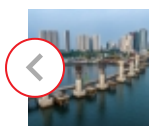
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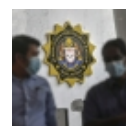
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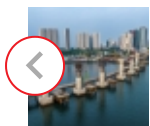


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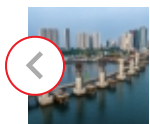
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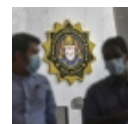
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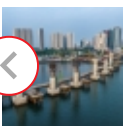


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