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1.	TAJUK	KOLAM KUMBAHAN LADANG TERNAKAN BABI BOCOR PUNCA SUNGAI SUNGAI PENYALAI TERCEMAR
	SUMBER	BH (24 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	20 (NASIONAL)



Anak Sungai Penyalai bertukar kehitaman akibat bercampur dengan kumbahan najis babi.
(Foto Alias Abd Rani/BH)

Kolam kumbahan ladang ternakan babi bocor punca Sungai Penyalai tercemar

Tangkak: Pencemaran di sepanjang Sungai Penyalai di FELDA Sri Jaya di sini, berpunca daripada kebocoran kolam kumbahan ladang ternakan babi di kawasan berkenaan.

Ini terbongkar selepas Pejabat Daerah Tangkak turun ke lokasi bersama jabatan serta agensi kelmarin bagi menjalankan siasatan serta meneliti punca kejadian dan menyelaras tindakan susulan.

Pegawai Daerah Tangkak, Ungku Suzana Ungku Mohamad, berkata berikutan itu, pihaknya mengarahkan kerja-kerja pembersihan dan pemulihan dilakukan segera oleh pemilik ladang terbabit.

Beliau berkata, pada masa sama, Pejabat Perkhidmatan Veterinar Daerah (PPVD) Tangkak mengarahkan pembaikan serta-merta dengan kebocoran berjaya dihentikan dalam tempoh singkat.

"Pelepasan *Effective Microorganism* (EM) turut dilakukan bagi membantu penguraian sisa organik serta mengurangkan

kesan bau," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Beliau berkata, kerja-kerja pembersihan di kawasan kebun terjejas serta perparitan sepanjang Sungai Penyalai akan dilaksanakan oleh PPVD Tangkak bersama Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran (JPS) bermula hari ini sehingga 31 Januari ini.

Sementara itu, Ungku Suzana memberitahu, Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) menjalankan pemantauan kualiti air secara berterusan melalui Stesen Pengawasan Kualiti Air Sungai Automatik di Sungai Muar bagi memastikan keselamatan bekalan air awam.

"Badan Kawalselia Air Johor (BAKAJ) turut menjalankan ujian sampel air mentah bagi memastikan pematuhan kepada Garis Panduan Piawaian Kualiti Air Minum Kebangsaan.

"Manakala syarikat konsesi, Ranhill SAJ melakukan ujian kualiti air setiap dua hingga empat jam di Loji Air Bukit Serampang," katanya.

Katanya, setakat ini bekalan

air terawat disahkan selamat digunakan dan mematuhi piawaian ditetapkan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM).

Menurut beliau, siasatan lanjut sedang dijalankan oleh agensi berkaitan dan sebarang pelanggaran undang-undang akan diambil tindakan mengikut peraturan berkuat kuasa.

"Pentadbiran daerah akan terus memantau keadaan dari semasa ke semasa dan orang awam dinasihatkan agar tidak membuat spekulasi serta merujuk kepada kenyataan rasmi pihak berkuasa," katanya.

Media sebelum ini melaporkan, penduduk di FELDA Sri Jaya, Bukit Kepong di sini, terpaksa menghidu bau busuk malah turut mendakwa sumber air bagi kegunaan harian mereka dicemari sisa kumbahan dari kandang babi berhampiran.

Mereka mendakwa keadaan akan lebih teruk apabila tiba musim kemarau yang menyebabkan anak Sungai Penyalai menjadi kehitaman serta berbau.

2.	TAJUK	JAS JOHOR, JABATAN PERIKANAN SIASAT INSIDEN PENCEMARAN AIR SUNGAI SAYONG
	SUMBER	HARIAN METRO (27 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	10 (LOKAL)

Johor Bahru: Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) Johor dan Jabatan Perikanan sedang menyasat insiden pencemaran air Sungai Sayong di Kampung Orang Asli Sayong Pinang di sini yang dilaporkan bertukar gelap kehitaman pagi kelmarin.

Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Panti Hahasrin Hashim berkata beliau telah menerima aduan daripada penduduk berhubung insiden itu dan segera meminta kedua-dua jabatan mengenal pasti punca pencemaran serta tahap kesannya terhadap alam sekitar dan sumber perikanan setempat.

"Isu pencemaran sungai bukan perkara kecil. Ia

JAS Johor, Jabatan Perikanan siasat insiden pencemaran air Sungai Sayong

memberi kesan langsung kepada kehidupan penduduk, nelayan darat, ekosistem sungai dan kelestarian alam sekitar. Kita tidak boleh berkompromi dengan sebarang bentuk pencemaran yang menjejaskan keselamatan dan kesejahteraan masyarakat," katanya.

Beliau berkata susulan aduan penduduk berhubung perubahan warna air sungai itu satu pemeriksaan telah dijalankan oleh JAS Johor pada 3.15 petang kelmarin.

"Pasukan JAS telah tiba

di jeti Kampung Orang Asli Sayong Pinang dan mendapati air sungai memang berwarna gelap kehitaman. Wakil penduduk yang juga pengadu telah ditemui bagi mendapatkan maklumat lanjut.

"Menurut pengadu kejadian disedari sekitar 10 pagi dan setakat pemeriksaan dibuat, tiada ikan mati dikesan sama ada di sungai mahupun di sangkar milik penduduk. Pengadu turut memaklumkan bahawa aliran air dipercayai dari arah Kilang Sawit Penggeli (KKS Penggeli). Ujian kua-

liti air menggunakan alat YSI turut dijalankan oleh pihak JAS di lokasi," katanya menerusi hantaran tersebut.

Hahasrin berkata siasatan ke KKS Penggeli mendapati tiada pelepasan effluen berlaku, manakala air larian dari kawasan Empty Fruit Bunch (EFB) pula dialirkan ke telaga sebelum ke kolam fakultatif, dan tinjauan dron serta pemeriksaan parit tidak menemui limpahan atau kebocoran effluen.

Selain itu, beliau berkata dapatan awal JAS tidak me-

nemui sebarang bukti pencemaran daripada KKS Penggeli dan tiada petunjuk kilang itu menyumbang kepada pencemaran Sungai Sayong, namun siasatan lanjut akan diteruskan ke bahagian hulu sungai bagi mengenal pasti punca sebenar.

Hahasrin berkata beliau akan terus memantau perkembangan bagi memastikan tindakan susulan diambil demi kebajikan penduduk serta kelestarian alam sekitar dan merakamkan penghargaan kepada penduduk yang cakna

serta JAS Johor dan Jabatan Perikanan atas tindakan pantas.

Pada 31 Oktober lepas, tiga kampung iaitu Kampung Orang Asli Sayong Pinang, Kampung Orang Asli Pasir Intan dan Kampung Orang Asli Kempas Menang dilapor terjejas akibat pencemaran sungai apabila kolam cucian pasir pecah di Ulu Sungai Johor bernampiran Kampung Orang Asli Sayong Pinang.

Susulan insiden itu, aktiviti nelayan di sepanjang Ulu Sungai Johor dilaporkan terjejas selain turut mengakibatkan gangguan bekalan air di daerah Johor Bahru, Kulai, Pontian dan Kota Tinggi.

3.	TAJUK	KEBAKARAN TANAH GAMBUT DI TAMAN BAYU DAMAI, PENERANG : KEPULAN ASAP TEBAL HADKAN PENGLIHATAN
	SUMBER	HARIAN METRO (28 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	5 (LOKAL)

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Kota Tinggi

Kebakaran tanah gambut di Taman Bayu Damai, Penerang sejak hujung minggu lalu menjejaskan kehidupan harian penduduk apabila kepulan asap tebal menyelubungi kawasan perumahan, menyebabkan kesukaran bernafas dan menghadkan jarak penglihatan.

Tinjauan Bernama di lokasi kejadian mendapati kawasan di sekitar Jalan Langkah Baik 3, Taman Bayu Damai masih diliputi kepulan asap putih tebal dan bau asap yang kuat.

Kepulan asap menyebabkan kesukaran bernafas selain menghadkan penglihatan hingga 150 meter, sekali-gus menjejaskan aktiviti harian dan menimbulkan kebimbangan penduduk.

Anggota bomba dari Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat (BBP) Pangkal dan Sungai Rengit termasuk Angkatan Pertahanan Awam (APM) dilihat giat menjalankan operasi pemadaman api di Jalan Langkah Baik 3.

Imam Masjid Al Hijrah Taman Bayu Damai, Abdul Rahim Padimin, 65, berkata, kebakaran yang berlaku 50 meter dari rumahnya semakin marak sejak Ahad menyebabkan beliau sekeluarga berpindah ke Pusat Pemindahan Sementara (PPS) Dewan Serbaguna Taman Bayu Damai demi keselamatan.

"Pada mulanya, saya sangkakan kebakaran kecil, tetapi api merebak dan asap semakin tebal berikutan tiupan angin kuat. Keadaan bertambah buruk pada Ahad apabila kepulan asap menghadkan penglihatan sehingga 50 meter sahaja," katanya ditemui di PPS itu di sini, semalam.

KEBAKARAN TANAH GAMBUT DI TAMAN BAYU DAMAI, PENERANG

Kepulan asap tebal hadkan penglihatan



KEBAKARAN tanah gambut di Taman Bayu Damai, Penerang sejak hujung minggu lalu jejasakan kehidupan harian penduduk apabila kepulan asap tebal menyelubungi kawasan perumahan, sebabkan kesukaran bernafas dan hadkan jarak penglihatan.



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Beliau berkata, anak perempuannya yang baru bersalin terpaksa dipindahkan ke rumah adik iparnya di Kampung Sungai Kapal yang tidak terjejas jerebu.

Kawasan Jalan Langkah Baik 1, 2 dan 3 antara paling



terjejas kerana berdekatan punca kebakaran, dengan api dilihat merebak di kawasan dipenuhi pokok reasam,alang dan tumbuhan hutan mudah terbakar.

Sementara itu, penduduk Jalan Langkah Baik 3, Fuad Daud, 57, berkata, beliau dan keluarganya berpindah ke PPS pada Sabtu lalu.

"Asap sangat tebal sampai susah nak bernafas, mata pedih dan bau asap kuat. Walaupun kami sudah tutup pintu dan tingkap, asap masih masuk ke dalam rumah, sekali-gus membahayakan kesihatan kami sekeluarga," katanya sambil menambah kejadian kali ini adalah yang terburuk pernah berlaku di kawasan itu sejak 2013.

Setiasusaha Jawatankuasa Pembangunan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JKKK) Taman Bayu Damai, Ishak Moksan, 62, berkata, pihaknya segera mengemukakan amaran dan menggerakkan pengumuman kepada penduduk berpindah ke PPS apabila situasi semakin buruk pada Sabtu bagi mengelakkan risiko lebih besar.

Beliau berkata, lebih 250 penduduk dianggarikan terjejas selain keadaan tanah gambut yang masih berpotensi menyimpan bara di lapisan bawah, meningkatkan risiko kebakaran berulang yang memerlukan pemantauan berterusan pihak berkuasa.

Setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam, sebanyak 124 mangsa daripada 45 keluarga ditempatkan di dua PPS iaitu di PPS Dewan Serbaguna Taman Bayu Damai dan Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Sungai Kapal susulan insiden kebakaran tanah gambut seluas kira-kira 12 hektar itu.



4.	TAJUK	MCBA RAMPS UP OPS AGAINST E-WASTE
	SUMBER	NST (28 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
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MCBA RAMPS UP OPS AGAINST E-WASTE

More joint raids planned to tighten net around syndicates exploiting regulatory loopholes

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THE Malaysian Border Control and Protection Agency (MCBA) yesterday checked several containers at Port Klang where an undisclosed amount of illegal electronic waste (e-waste) was detected.

The operation followed reports that suggested Malaysia was being used as an e-waste transit and processing hub.

MCBA officers worked with Port Klang Authority and Department of Environment (DoE) officers to inspect containers suspected of containing smuggled e-waste.

The raiding party found e-waste in five containers, with full details of the operation to be disclosed at a press conference today.

Sources told the *New Straits Times* that MCBA targeted high-risk shipments believed to be part of organised e-waste smuggling networks.

Under Malaysian law, importing e-waste is prohibited, with only domestically generated e-waste allowed to be processed by licensed facilities.

As a signatory to the Basel Convention, any transboundary movement of scheduled waste requires approval from the DoE, and violations may result in prosecution under the Environmental Quality Act 1974.

A source said smugglers would usually try to bypass port inspections and environmental controls by falsely declaring e-waste as recyclable plastic, metal scrap, used household goods or machinery parts.

"These false declarations are designed to hide the cargo and avoid the stricter checks required for hazardous and regulated waste," said the source.

"E-waste shipments often contain discarded circuit boards, batteries, computer components and mixed electronic parts that require special handling and permits."

Sources said the MCBA would continue its stepped-up presence at Port Klang in the coming weeks, with more joint operations planned involving environmental and port authorities, to tighten the net around syndicates exploiting regulatory loopholes.

Previously, an E-Waste Enforcement Special Task Force was established with members from 12 agencies, including the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission



Some of the e-waste found inside a container during an operation at Port Klang yesterday. NSTP PIC BY AHMAD UKASYAH

(MACC), MCBA, police, DoE, Customs Department and the International Trade and Industry Ministry.

MACC recently proposed a six-month moratorium on the import of plastic and e-waste to assess their impact on the country.

The period was proposed as a trial measure to evaluate the real implications for the economy, the environment and the enforcement system.

MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki, in chairing the special task force meeting on the

direction of enforcement management for the import of plastic waste and e-waste last week, said the issue was no longer just a technical or environmental matter, but had become an issue of governance, enforcement integrity and national interest.

5.	TAJUK	JOHOR SCHOOLS MAY SHUT IF AIR QUALITY WORSENS
	SUMBER	THE STAR (28 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	9 (NATION)

Johor schools may shut if air quality worsens

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KOTA TINGGI: At least three schools in Johor may be closed if air quality worsens due to peat soil fires along Jalan Sungai Kapal in Pengerang.

State education and information committee chairman Aznan Tamin said schools in the affected area would be ordered to close if the air pollutant index (API) reaches unhealthy levels.

"We will monitor the API readings and if the situation worsens, the affected schools will be instructed to close.

"At present, schools are operating as usual as smoke has yet to reach their locations," he told reporters after visiting victims at the temporary relief centre (PPS) at SK Sungai Kapal yesterday.

Aznan said that air monitoring devices known as GRIMM would be installed at schools surrounding Taman Bayu Damai in Pengerang to monitor the situation.

He urged the relevant departments to brief the state directly on the situation, to enable swift action by the Kota Tinggi District Education Office if the need arose.

Based on the Air Pollutant



Clear danger: Smoke rising from peat soil fires in Pengerang. Authorities are preparing to deploy water bombs to put out the fires.
 — Photo courtesy of the Johor Fire and Rescue Department

Index Management System, air quality is deemed healthy if API readings are registered between 0-50, moderate (51-100), unhealthy (101-200), very unhealthy (201-300) and hazardous (above 300).

Meanwhile, Aznan, who is also the Tanjung Surat assemblyman, said the usual daily routines of eight students were affected following the temporary relocation of families from Taman Bayu Damai.

"They are still attending school as usual but have been given flexibility in terms of attire, as some do not have enough clothes or school uniforms to wear.

"We are not enforcing strict requirements on these affected students, as we do not want to burden them," he said.

Yesterday, the peat soil fire in the affected area spread from 5.26ha to 12.14ha due to dry and windy conditions, resulting in thick smoke drifting into

surrounding residential areas.

As at 4pm yesterday, a total of 211 victims had been relocated to two temporary relief centres (PPS) due to the peat soil fire in Taman Bayu Damai.

Johor Disaster Management Committee (JPBN) chairman Datuk Asman Shah Abd Rahman said all victims from 49 affected families were placed at the Taman Bayu Damai Multipurpose Hall, while another 21 families were housed at SK Sungai Kapal.

Move to curb Kota Tinggi peat fire

KOTA TINGGI: Helicopters will be deployed today for water bombing to speed up efforts to put out the peat fire along Jalan Sungai Kapal and Taman Bayu Damai, Pengerang, which has affected 99.54ha since it started on Friday.

Punggal Fire and Rescue Station chief, Leading Fire Officer II Ezam Mistorerrodin said the use of helicopters was vital to fight peat fires that were hard to access and often burned below the surface.

"Fire breaks have been dug around the areas affected by the flames, for total flooding.

"Water bombing operations are expected to help speed up the process of putting out the fire," he said when met at the location of the fire yesterday, Bernama reported.

The operation is expected to begin at 9am, depending on weather and wind conditions.

As at noon yesterday, the joint operation between the Fire Department, police and other agencies managed to douse 28% of the flames or about 28.33ha of the affected area, said Ezam.

6.	TAJUK	MAKING HIGHWAYS SAFE FOR WILDLIFE
	SUMBER	THE STAR (28 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	13 (YOUR OPINION)

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Making highways safe for wildlife

AS road and highway developments accelerate, the need to integrate biodiversity considerations early in planning and design has become increasingly urgent to enhance human-wildlife coexistence, reduce risks to road users and avoid irreversible environmental impacts that are costly to address later.

Highways must therefore be designed not only for connectivity and economic growth, but also to protect human safety and the natural environment. Notably, the Sabah Wildlife Department has also highlighted the need for a more inclusive and consultative planning process to ensure that environmental and biodiversity considerations are integrated from the very beginning of road development.

Recent incidents highlight the real and immediate consequences of these challenges. The collision involving a motorcyclist and a Malayan tapir along the East Coast Highway 2 (LPT2) last week is again a stark reminder that wildlife-vehicle collisions pose risks to road users, in addition to threatening vulnerable wildlife.

Such incidents point to wider gaps in the planning and design, particularly where roads intersect wildlife habitats and corridors.



Similarly, this concern was also recently highlighted by the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS), which emphasises the importance of research-driven and environmentally responsible highway planning.

As MNS highlighted, "A thorough study must be conducted before construction begins on Phase Four of the East Coast Highway (LPT4) to address wildlife safety and potential risks to motorists."

The situation reflects a broader pattern observed across the country and reinforces the importance of adopting consistent, science-based approaches nationwide.

Biodiversity should not be treated as an afterthought at later stages of the planning cycle, such as during the Environmental Impact Assessment stage.

By then, the project budget has already been determined, making it difficult to implement biodiversity-related mitigation measures because these usually incur significant cost and time.

Early, evidence-based planning helps to prevent these avoidable impacts while ensuring roads meet societal and economic needs.

In parallel with structural measures such as wildlife crossings, highway developers must take into consideration the estab-

lishment of strategically located rest areas for road users, especially heavy vehicle drivers who are often active at night.

This helps prevent vehicles from stopping near wildlife crossings, where noise, headlights and idling engines can deter animals from using these passages, thereby undermining their purpose of facilitating safe wildlife movement and reducing human-wildlife conflict.

Observations along the Gerik-Jeli Highway, where heavy vehicles have been seen resting near the wildlife viaduct at night, illustrate how such disturbances may adversely affect wildlife behaviour in the surrounding area.

WWF-Malaysia has contributed to efforts related to responsible highways, through partnerships that support the integration of biodiversity considerations into infrastructure planning.

In collaboration with Aurecon Lestari Sdn Bhd, and with strong support from Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Ministry as well as the Works Ministry, a training module titled "Green Roads & Highways: Protecting Biodiversity" was developed to guide industry stakeholders in practical approaches to biodiversity-friendly planning.

Building on this, and with funding from Finance Ministry under Budget 2022, WWF-Malaysia together with Aurecon Lestari Sdn Bhd also produced a checklist tool to incorporate biodiversity budgeting in road and highway projects, addressing common challenges such as road alignment with sensitive areas and budgeting for wildlife mitigation measures, including culverts, viaducts (pic) and monitoring programmes.

Additionally, WWF-Malaysia is actively working with corporates and associations as part of our industry outreach programme aimed at promoting safer driving behaviour along the Gerik-Jeli Highway, a known hotspot for such incidents.

These initiatives show that industry players, corporates and associations can play significant roles in disseminating awareness messages to their members, and we call for more to also make such commitments.

WWF-Malaysia believes that with evidence-based planning and collaboration across sectors, Malaysia can build highways that deliver connectivity and economic benefits without compromising our natural heritage.

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7.	TAJUK	'PANTAU ASAP TAK MASUK RUANG UDARA SINGAPURA'
	SUMBER	BH (29 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	19 (NASIONAL)



Kawasan kebakaran tanah gambut di Jalan Sungai Kapal, Taman Bayu Damai, Pengerang, yang dirakam dari udara, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

Kota Tinggi: Asap daripada kebakaran tanah gambut di Jalan Sungai Kapal, Taman Bayu Damai, Pengerang di sini sejak Jumaat lalu masih tidak masuk ke ruang udara Singapura.

Bagaimanapun, sehingga jam 12 tengah hari semalam, kebakaran itu menyebabkan 153 penduduk daripada 50 keluarga sekitar dipindahkan ke dua pusat pemindahan sementara sejak Jumaat lalu.

Timbalan Pengarah Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Negeri Johor, Penolong Pesuruhjaya Bomba (PP-

JB) Muhammad Al Mustakim Abdul Hady berkata, perkara itu dimaklumkan dalam Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Bencana Negeri, kelmarin.

"Saya difahamkan asap tidak masuk lagi, tetapi kita kluatir juga jika asap itu sampai sana nanti, perhubungan diplomatik kita boleh terganggu nanti."

"Jadi kita cubalah (untuk mencegahnya), saya difahamkan macam itu. Jabatan Alam Sekitar akan pantau," katanya ketika ditemui di Pusat Kawalan Bomba (PKB) Operasi Pemadaman Kebakaran Tanah Gambut di

sini, semalam.

Kelmarin, *Berita Harian* Singapura melaporkan, Agensi Sekitaran Kebangsaan (NEA) sedang memantau rapi keadaan jerbu selepas bau pembakaran dikesan di beberapa kawasan di Singapura.

Dalam satu hantaran Facebook, NEA memaklumkan titik panas terus dikesan di Malaysia iaitu utara Singapura, berpunca daripada kebakaran hutan.

Agensi itu sebelum ini turut mengesahkan pihaknya mengesan satu titik panas serta kepulan asap di Johor yang berhampiran Singapura.

8.	TAJUK	KEBAKARAN TANAH GAMBUT DI TAMAN BAYU DAMAI, PENERANG 52% BERJAYA DIPADAMKAN
	SUMBER	HARIAN METRO (29 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	44 (LOKAL)

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Kota Tinggi

Sebanyak 52 peratus daripada keluasan kebakaran tanah gambut di Jalan Sungai Kapal, Taman Bayu Damai, Pengerang di sini, berjaya dipadamkan, sehingga semalam.

Timbalan Pengarah Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Negeri Johor, Penolong Pesuruhjaya Bomba (PPJB) Muhammad Al Mustakim Abdul Hady berkata, kawasan kebakaran yang sudah dipadamkan melebihi 51 hektar daripada keseluruhan kawasan yang terbakar iaitu lebih 99 hektar.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya yakin operasi pemadaman kebakaran semalam akan terus menunjukkan perkembangan baik susulan penggunaan khidmat helikopter bagi operasi *water bombing*.

"Kita sudah membuat *fire break* dengan mengepung kawasan kebakaran dan kemudian membanjirkan kawasan berkenaan. Kita bahagikan kepada sembilan sektor yang mana beberapa sektor sudah dipadamkan dan beberapa lagi hampir padam.

"Selepas ini kita ada helikopter, jadi kita yakin helikopter akan padamkan kebakaran di kawasan yang kita tidak dapat masuk, terutamanya yang agak jauh ke dalam yang mana semalam (kelmarin) jengkaut yang kita guna tenggelam.

"Jadi, kita harap helikopter akan dapat pergi ke ba-

KEBAKARAN TANAH GAMBUT DI TAMAN BAYU DAMAI, PENERANG

52% berjaya dipadamkan



KEADAAN kawasan kebakaran tanah gambut di Jalan Sungai Kapal, Taman Bayu Damai, Pengerang yang dirakam dari udara ketika tinjauan BERNAMA bersama Unit Udara Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat (JBPM).

hagian tengah dan kita harap perkembangan operasi pemadaman hari ini (semalam) lebih baik," katanya ketika di Pusat Kawalan Bomba (PKB) Operasi Pemadaman Kebakaran Tanah Gambut di sini, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Mustakim berkata, operasi *water bombing* itu akan membatik kawasan kira-kira 30 peratus.

Katanya, proses itu akan membantu mengurangkan asap kerana adanya wap air

"Kita sudah membuat *fire break* dengan mengepung kawasan kebakaran dan kemudian membanjirkan kawasan berkenaan"

Muhammad Al Mustakim

yang akan meresap asap. "Kalau asap dah berkurang, kira okaylah sebab asap yang mengganggu penduduk sekitar," katanya.

Helikopter MI-17 milik Unit Udara JBPM yang berpusat di Subang Jaya, Selangor itu mampu membawa sebanyak 1,340 liter air bagi satu penerbangan yang akan menjalankan operasi pemadaman di jangka sehingga Jumaat ini.

Air berkenaan akan digugurkan dari helikopter ke kawasan kebakaran yang sudah ditandakan.

Sementara itu, setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam, seramai 153 penduduk Taman Bayu Damai di sini, yang terdiri daripada 50 keluarga ditempatkan di dua pusat pemindahan sementara (PPS) yang diaktifkan sejak kebakaran yang berlaku bermula Jumaat lalu.



ANGGOTA Unit Udara JBPM mengeluarkan peralatan untuk operasi *water bombing* dari Helikopter MI-17-IV milik Unit Udara JBPM yang berpusat di Subang Jaya, Selangor.

9.	TAJUK	LIMA KONTENA E-WASTE DITAHAN
	SUMBER	HARIAN METRO (29 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	6 (LOKAL)



Nik Ezanee (dua dari kiri) menunjukkan isi kontena yang membawa muatan sisa elektronik (e-waste) pada sidang media di Westports, Pelabuhan Klang. - Gambar NSTP/FAIZ ANUAR

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Pelabuhan Klang

Lima kontena yang membawa buangan terjadual (e-waste) dan sampah industri serta komersial ditahan Agensi Kawalan dan Perlindungan Sempadan (AKPS) Malaysia menerusi pemeriksaan kontena Gudang CFS 4, Pelabuhan Klang Barat, di sini, kelmarin.

Komander AKPS Pelabuhan Klang, Datuk Nik Ezanee Mohd Faisal berkata, hasil pemeriksaan mendapati kontena berkenaan membawa barangan elektronik terpakai, kabel wayar serta sampah industri dan komersial.

"Dua daripada kontena membawa buangan terjadual e-waste iaitu barangan elektronik terpakai seperti pencetak, desktop, pemproses (CPU) dan lain-lain peralatan komputer terpakai yang dihancurkan manakala dua lagi membawa kabel wayar yang dihancurkan serta satu kon-

Lima kontena e-waste ditahan

Bahan buangan elektronik 125,037kg dibawa masuk dari AS, Sepanyol, Korea, Taiwan

tena membawa sampah industri dan komersial.

"Jumlah berat dagangan ialah 125,037 kilogram (kg) dan kontena ini dari Amerika Syarikat, Sepanyol, Korea dan Taiwan.

"Siasatan lanjut mendapati dagangan ini dibawa masuk ke Pelabuhan Klang Barat sekitar tahun 2024, 2025 dan yang terkini pada 24 Januari lalu dengan memalsukan pengiklanan dagangan," katanya.

Menurutnya, pemalsuan pengiklanan adalah kesalahan mengikut Seksyen 133 Akta Kastam 1967.

Katanya, pemeriksaan juga mendapati satu kontena tiada dalam rekod sis-

tem maklumat Kastam yang mana ia dipercayai tidak diikrar untuk masuk ke dalam negara.

Mengulas lanjut, Nik Ezanee berkata, pihaknya akan meneruskan pemeriksaan terhadap kontena lain bagi memastikan negara ini tidak menjadi tempat pembuangan sampah atau *dumpling* barangan toksik seperti e-waste.

"Kita menghargakan risikan dengan meneliti senarai ejen yang berurusan di Pelabuhan Klang. Kita akan kaji semula syarikat mana, siapa individu-individu, bagaimana mereka berdaftar serta prosedur operasi standard (SOP)

yang digunakan. "Daripada situ, kita mengenali pasti kelemahan dan menambah baik sistem sedia ada," katanya.

Katanya, kemasukan bahan buangan terjadual adalah dilarang sama sekali menurut Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 justeru kesemua kontena terlibat telah ditahan bagi tujuan tindakan lanjut mengikut peruntukan undang-undang yang berkuat kuasa.

"AKPS menegaskan pihak kami tidak akan berkompromi terhadap sebarang cubaan membawa masuk dagangan tanpa pematuhan kepada syarat perundangan," katanya.

10.	TAJUK	SIASAT TAPAK PELUPUSAN SAMPAH HARAM TERBAKAR
	SUMBER	HARIAN METRO (29 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	7 (LOKAL)

Siasat tapak pelupusan sampah haram terbakar

Alor Setar: Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) Kedah mengesahkan menerima maklumat berkenaan kebakaran di tapak pelupusan sampah yang beroperasi secara haram di Kampung Besah, Mukim Tawar di daerah Baling melalui hebahan di media, kelmarin.

Pengarah JAS Kedah, Sharifah Zakiah Syed Sahab berkata, berikutan itu, satu pasukan dari JAS Kedah, Cawangan Kulim diarah ke tapak pelupusan sampah itu untuk melakukan pemeriksaan dan siasatan.

Beliau berkata, hasil pemeriksaan di lokasi malam kelmarin mendapati api masih marak dan longgokan sampah beserta plastik ditemui di tapak pelupusan haram ini yang dipercayai dibuang oleh pihak tidak bertanggungjawab.

"Siasatan masih diteruskan setakat ini dan bagi kes tapak pelupusan haram akan diserahkan kepada agensi berkaitan untuk tindakan lanjut.

"Mana-mana pihak atau orang awam yang mempunyai maklumat berkenaan perkara ini boleh menghubungi JAS Kedah di talian 04- 733 2832 atau JAS Kedah, Cawangan Kulim di talian 04- 403 7675," katanya ketika dihubungi, semalam.

Sharifah Zakiah berkata, JAS Kedah akan meneruskan siasatan aktiviti pembakaran terbuka di bawah Seksyen 29A (2), Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974.



Siasatan masih diteruskan setakat ini dan bagi kes tapak pelupusan haram akan diserahkan kepada agensi berkaitan untuk tindakan lanjut"

Sharifah Zakiah

Beliau berkata, sekiranya sabit kesalahan, boleh didenda tidak kurang daripada RM25,000 dan tidak melebihi RM 1 juta atau dipenjarakan selama tempoh tidak melebihi lima tahun atau kedua-duanya sekali.

"Dan boleh dikenakan denda tambahan tidak melebihi lima ribu ringgit RM 5,000 bagi tiap-tiap hari kesalahan itu dilakukan selepas suatu notis diserahkan atau boleh dikenakan kompaun dengan suatu jumlah wang tidak melebihi 50 peratus daripada denda maksimum.

"Pemilik tanah adalah bertanggungjawab untuk memastikan tanah mereka tidak dijadikan tapak pelupusan haram mahupun membenarkan pembakaran terbuka berlaku.

"Mana-mana pihak yang mempunyai maklumat berkaitan kejadian ini, boleh menghubungi JAS Kedah," katanya.

Setakat ini, selepas lebih 21 jam kebakaran berlaku, operasi pemadaman masih dijalankan di tapak pelupusan sampah itu.

11.	TAJUK	KEBAKARAN BELUKAR 'BAKAR' 18 KENDERAAN DEKAT BENGKEL
	SUMBER	HARIAN METRO (29 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	7 (LOKAL)

Kebakaran belukar 'bakar' 18 kenderaan dekat bengkel

Johor Bharu: Sebanyak 18 kenderaan di sebuah bengkel membaiki kenderaan musnah dalam kebakaran belukar yang merebak di kawasan bersebelahan Masjid Al Mahabah, Taman Bukit Mewah di sini, tengah hari kelmarin.

Jurucakap Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) negeri Johor berkata, kejadian berlaku pada kira-kira jam 1.32 tengah membabitkan kebakaran belukar seluas kira-kira 0.372 hektar.

Beliau berkata, kebakaran merebak dengan cepat termasuk ke sebuah bengkel kenderaan hampiran.

Menurutnya, operasi diketuai Komander Operasi



ANGGOTA bomba memadamkan kebakaran yang memusnahkan kenderaan di bengkel berdekatan Masjid Al Mahabah, Taman Bukit Mewah, Johor Bahru.

dari Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat (BBP) Larkin, Pegawai Bomba Kanan I, Nakhish Nekmat.

"Dua jentera ke lokasi kejadian bersama sembilan anggota.

"Operasi pemadaman dilaksanakan menggunakan dua unit alat pemerap api, aliran salur bantu mula air serta tiga aliran sepanjang 121 meter dengan sumber air pam jentera dan pili bomba berhampiran.

"Kebakaran berjaya dikawal sepenuhnya pada jam 2.37 petang sebelum operasi ditamatkan sepenuhnya pada jam 5.20 petang selepas keadaan disahkan selamat," katanya menerusi suatu kenyataan

media.

Beliau berkata, kejadian tidak membabitkan sebarang kemalangan jiwa namun mengakibatkan kerugian dialami apabila sebahagian besar kenderaan yang terbakar musnah sehingga 80 peratus.

Katanya, antara kenderaan yang musnah termasuk Hyundai Atoz, Perodua Kancil, Naza Ria, Proton Perdana, Proton Savvy, Perodua Kelisa, Proton Saga FLX, sebuah van serta lima kenderaan lain yang tidak dapat dikenal pasti.

Katanya, kenderaan lain termasuk Proton Saga, BMW E60, Proton Inspira dan sebuah Perodua Kelisa.

12.	TAJUK	E-WASTE SMUGGLING BID : 60 MORE CONTAINERS TARGETED
	SUMBER	NST (29 JANUARY 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	FRONT PAGE, 5 (NATION/NEWS)



PORT KLANG OP

60 MORE CONTAINERS FLAGGED

Border control agency's e-waste blitz intensifies following 125-tonne seizure

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THE Malaysian Border Control and Protection Agency (MCBA) has moved into phase two of its crackdown on e-waste smuggling here with at least 60 more containers flagged.

Sources told the *New Straits Times* that this next batch of containers could just be the tip of the iceberg with more than 41,000 moving in and out of the ports here daily.

A source revealed that efforts were underway to block the containers from leaving the port, as authorities have started a major coordinated inspection.

This operation will see a joint task force involving the MCBA, Department of Environment (DoE) and port authorities.

Physical inspections of flagged shipments will include sampling suspected e-waste for laboratory analysis to determine the nature of the materials and evaluating their commercial value and environmental risk.

"This is about closing every possible exit point. Once the containers are locked down, the team will move in to verify what is inside, take samples and build the evidentiary trail needed to move against the operators behind these shipments," the source said.

Investigators are focusing on shipping routes, consignee details and documentation patterns to identify repeat players and possible local facilitators.

The intensified action comes amid growing concern over the scale of illegal e-waste brought into Malaysia, which enforcement agencies say pose serious threats to public health and the environment when dismantled or disposed of improperly.

The MCBA is part of the E-Waste Enforcement Special Task Force established with 12 other agencies, including the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, police, DoE, Customs Department and the International Trade and Industry Ministry.

Port Klang MCBA commander Datuk Nik Ezanee Mohd Faisal



A Department of Environment enforcement officer examining a container full of illegal e-waste during a joint inspection led by the Malaysian Border Control and Protection Agency at Port Klang on Tuesday. NSTP PIC BY ANWAR ULKADYAN



Datuk Nik Ezanee Mohd Faisal

told a press conference here yesterday that the agency had stopped more than 125 tonnes of illegal electronic waste and toxic materials from entering the country.

"This was through a joint enforcement operation which uncovered falsely-declared containers shipped from the United States, South Korea, Spain and Taiwan.

Authorities described the discovery as indicative of a growing global smuggling threat.

"Two containers contained e-waste, including used printers, desktops, central processing units and other electronic com-

ponents, while two others carried shredded electrical cables and wires, classified as scheduled waste.

"A fifth container was found to be filled with commercial rubbish. All five containers have been detained and secured, and documentation is now being processed," he said.

Nik Ezanee added that the illegal cargo had been declared as legitimate industrial materials in an apparent attempt to bypass port screening systems.

"Two containers from Busan, South Korea, and the Port of Norfolk in the US, were declared as 'ABS flakes and lumps', while shipments from Los Angeles and Valencia in Spain were listed as 'aluminium alloy'.

"The container carrying general waste originated from Kaohsiung, Taiwan and was declared as 'ABS flakes'," he said, adding that one of the five containers had entered Malaysia two years ago and remained unclaimed.

He said investigations revealed that the container had been falsely declared, with no party coming forward to claim it since its arrival in the country.

"We are now investigating why one of these containers has re-

mained here since 2024 without anyone claiming it.

"This raises serious questions about how long such containers can remain in the system without being flagged."

Nik Ezanee said authorities had begun profiling shipping agents, companies and individuals operating at the ports.

"We have started reviewing company registrations and standard operating procedures to identify system weaknesses that could be exploited by smugglers.

"The DoE has also taken samples from the seized materials for laboratory analysis to determine their classification and the estimated value of the shipment.

"This will form part of further enforcement measures and possible legal action," he added.

The NST had reported that the MCBA on Tuesday checked several containers at Port Klang, where an undisclosed amount of illegal e-waste was detected.

Page 1 pic: Port Klang MCBA commander Datuk Nik Ezanee Mohd Faisal (second from left) showing some of the e-waste, including small electronic parts (inset), found in the seized containers.

13.	TAJUK	HELICOPTER DEPLOYED TO CONTROL BLAZE
	SUMBER	NST (29 JANUARY 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	8 (NATION/NEWS)

99HA OF PEATLAND AFFECTED

HELICOPTER DEPLOYED TO CONTROL BLAZE

It has dropped 33,000 litres of water in 21 sorties to extinguish fire

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A HELICOPTER has been deployed to support ground operations as firefighters continue battling a peatland fire in Jalan Sungai Kapal, Taman Bayu Damai, Pengerang.

According to Bernama, the Mi-17-IV has so far conducted 21 water-bombing sorties and dropped 33,000 litres of water to extinguish the fire, which broke out on Jan 23 and affected 99ha of peatland.

Currently, about 54.8 per cent of the blaze has been put out.

The Fire and Rescue Department said aerial support was complementing intensive ground-based firefighting, particularly in hard-to-reach areas

where underground fires posed a prolonged risk.

Firefighters from the Punggai Fire Station are supported by senior officers from the Fire Investigation Division at the department's headquarters in Putrajaya.

Also assisted by Civil Defence Force members, they are split into two groups to conduct direct suppression behind residential areas in Jalan Sungai Kapal.

In a separate area, hydrosup pumps are used to flood the fire zone by channelling water from open sources into constructed drains — a method aimed at saturating peat layers to prevent re-ignition.

No casualties had been reported and continuous monitoring was being carried out as firefighting efforts remained focused on full containment, said the de-



The Fire and Rescue Department's Mi-17-IV helicopter refilling its water tank during its water-bombing sorties on the peatland fire in Jalan Sungai Kapal, Taman Bayu Damai. BERNAMA PIC

partment in a statement.

Current, 153 residents from 50 families are housed at two relief centres.

The department said the dry weather, strong winds and the nature of peat soil, which burns underground, caused the fire to spread rapidly.

Operations commander Sabri Ramli said firebreaks were key in preventing the blaze from spreading.

Innovative equipment, including the "GS Mark III" peat fire suppression system developed by the Kluang fire station, was also deployed to accelerate efforts to

extinguish the fire.

The GS Mark III works by injecting water directly into the peat layer, targeting underground hotspots rather than just the surface.

It allows firefighters to cool burning soil more effectively, reduce re-ignition and cut down the time needed to control the fire.

Johor Health and Environment Committee chairman Ling Tian Soon said the Air Pollutant Index readings in the peat fire-affected areas remained at a moderate level and indicated no immediate health risks to the residents.

"Air quality is within acceptable limits, although prolonged exposure could cause discomfort for sensitive groups such as children, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions," he told the *New Straits Times*.

State Disaster Management Committee chairman Datuk Asman Shah Abd Rahman, who is also the state secretary, said the Kota Tinggi District Disaster Management Committee had adopted an integrated response, including the use of heavy machinery, continuous water pumping and helicopter water bombing.

14.	TAJUK	DRY WEATHER TRIGGERS FIRE SURGE
	SUMBER	THE STAR (29 JANUARY 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	FRONT PAGE, 3 (NATION)



Photo courtesy of Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia Negeri Johor (JBPM).

Dry weather triggers fire surge

Some vehicles were completely destroyed after a bushfire spread to a parking area in Taman Bukit Mewah, Johor. Due to the current hot, dry, and windy conditions, there has been a spike in fire outbreak cases nationwide. > See report on page 3

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Heat and wind fanning fires

Open burning cases triple since start of year as weather conditions persist

KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 2,517 open burning cases involving 328ha of land have been reported since the start of the year, a 300% increase compared with the same period last year.

The fire and rescue department said as of yesterday, fires in 287ha have been put out, while firefighting operations were ongoing at the remaining areas.

"This represents a significant spike from previous years: 2025 saw only 729 cases (11.15ha), while 2024 recorded 66 cases (55ha)," it said in a statement yesterday, Bernama reported.

The department said bushfires were identified as the biggest contributor to the total number of cases, recording 2,187 cases (75%) during that period, compared with 440 cases (66%) last year and 53 cases (80%) in 2024.

In addition, fire outbreaks at illegal waste disposal sites con-



Burning on and on: A solid waste disposal site on fire in Padang Cina, Kulim Hi-Tech. — Bernama

tributed to the nationwide increase in cases, with 431 cases recorded over the same period, compared with 244 in 2025 and just nine in 2024.

It said the significant increase

can be linked to the current hot, dry and windy weather conditions, which are expected to continue in most areas of the peninsula until Saturday, according to Meteorological Department

(MetMalaysia) data.

In BALING, an illegal dumpsite in Kampung Besar, Mukim Tawar, has been ablaze since Tuesday.

Kedah Department of Environment (DOE) director Sharifah Zakiah Syed Sahib said a team has been dispatched.

"The heaps of waste, including plastic, at the site are believed to have been dumped by irresponsible parties. The investigation is ongoing," she said, urging those with information to contact the Kedah DOE at 04-733 2832 or the Kulim branch at 04-403 7873.

In JOHOR BARU, 18 vehicles were damaged after a bush fire spread to a parking area next to a mosque in Taman Bukit Mewah.

The Johor Fire and Rescue Department dispatched a team from the Larkin station to the site 12km away upon receiving the call at 1.32pm on Tuesday.

Operation commander Nakish Nekmat said the blaze involved an estimated 0.37ha of bushland, and had spread to several parked vehicles.

"The team carried out firefighting operations using two fire beaters, one hose reel, and three 400-foot hose lines, with water sourced from the fire engine pump and a nearby hydrant."

Nakish added the fire was brought under control at 2.37pm and the operation ended at 3.20pm after the area was confirmed safe.

Among the vehicles that suffered severe damage were a Hyundai Atoz, Perodua Kancil, Naza Ria, Proton Perdana, Proton Savvy, a van, Perodua Kelisa, and Proton Saga FLX.

Several others sustained about 5% damage, while five unidentified vehicles were also destroyed, some up to 80%.



The blaze below: A Fire and Rescue Department helicopter conducting water-bombing operations to help extinguish peatland fires at Jalan Sungai Kapal near Taman Bayu Damai in Pengarang, Johor.

15.	TAJUK	DRY WEATHERTRIGGERS FIRE SURGE
	SUMBER	THE STAR (29 JANUARY 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	3 (NATION)

Experts: Peatland fires notoriously difficult to put out

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JOHOR BARU: Peatland fires like the one burning in Pengerang since Friday are notoriously difficult to extinguish, as they smoulder underground without visible flames, says a geotechnical expert.

Compounding the challenge, Prof Dr Ahmad Safuan A. Rashid said such fires can continue for long periods even after rainfall.

He said peat fires typically involve low-temperature smouldering that spreads horizontally and vertically within the soil's organic layer.

"This makes the fire very challenging to detect and control as combustion occurs beneath the surface."

Prof Ahmad Safuan said pre-

liminary observations indicate that the situation in Pengerang shares key characteristics seen in previous cases.

"When soil moisture drops to critically low levels, the dry organic matter acts as fuel. In some cases, temperatures can reach several hundred degrees Celsius."

Prof Ahmad Safuan, who is with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia's Tropical Geo-engineering Centre and Geotechnical Research Group, said prolonged dry and hot weather reduces the soil's water content drastically, exposing peat layers that ignite easily.

He added that human activities, such as drainage for land clearing and construction, further increase vulnerability.

"Poor land management can reduce soil moisture below critical thresholds, making peat highly susceptible to ignition. Land-use changes expose peat layers to air and can trigger persistent underground fires."

He warned that peatland ecosystems, which take thousands of years to form, are severely damaged by such fires.

"Peat fires destroy critical habitats, disrupt wetland ecosystems and lead to biodiversity loss. Species that cannot adapt to sudden environmental changes face the risk of extinction."

Prof Ahmad Safuan cautioned that peat fires were a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

"The Pengerang incident highlights future risks, as longer dry

spells may increase the frequency and severity of peat fires, creating a feedback loop that accelerates climate change."

He said effective prevention required water level management through canal or water gate systems to keep peat moist.

"Monitoring systems that track soil temperature and moisture are essential in detecting early signs of underground combustion," he said, adding that rewetting dried peatland was considered the most effective long-term mitigation strategy.

Meanwhile, about 52% of the peatland fire at Jalan Sungai Kapai near Taman Bayu Damai in Pengerang has been extinguished as firefighting efforts enter the sixth day.

Johor Fire and Rescue

Department deputy director Muhammad Al Mustakim Abdul Hady said more than 51ha of the total affected area of over 99ha has been brought under control so far.

He said the firefighting operation continues to show progress with the deployment of a helicopter to conduct water bombing.

"We have created fire breaks to contain the spread before inundating the area. The site has been divided into nine sectors, with several sectors already extinguished and others close to being put out."

"With the helicopter support, we are confident that we will be able to extinguish the fire in areas that are difficult to access, especially deeper sections where an excavator sank on Tuesday."

16.	TAJUK	OVER 125 TONNES OF FALSELY DECLARED WASTE SIZE
	SUMBER	THE STAR (29 JANUARY 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	9 (NATION)

Over 125 tonnes of falsely declared waste seized

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KLANG: Investigations have revealed that several waste shipments at Port Klang involved false cargo declarations, a tactic commonly used to evade enforcement.

"Some of the containers were declared as ABS plastic or aluminium alloy, but inspections showed otherwise.

"In one case, a container was not recorded in the customs information system, meaning it was never properly declared upon entry," said Port Klang AKPS commander Deputy Comm Datuk Nik Ezanee Mohd Faisal.

The Malaysian Border Control and Protection Agency (AKPS) recently intercepted five shipping containers carrying illegal e-waste, scheduled waste, and commercial refuse, following a joint inspection with Westport, the Port Klang Authority, and the Selangor Department of Environment (DOE).

He said the containers were among 10 inspected on Monday,

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with the total weight of the seized cargo exceeding 125 tonnes.

"Two containers were found to be carrying scheduled e-waste, including used electronics such as printers, desktops and CPUs.

Another two contained crushed cable wires classified as scheduled waste, while one container carried commercial refuse," he said.

DCP Nik Ezanee said all five containers have been detained, with Westports securing the cargo pending documentation and analysis by the DOE, and once the necessary notices are issued, the containers will be exported back to their countries of origin.

The seized containers originated from the United States, South Korea, Spain, and Taiwan, with some shipments dating back to 2024 and others arriving as recently as last week.

He stressed that Malaysia will



Dirty tricks: DCP Nik Ezanee viewing one of the containers found to be carrying e-waste. — KK SHAM/The Star

not allow itself to become a dumping ground for toxic waste, noting that the import of scheduled waste is strictly prohibited under the Environmental Quality Act 1974.

In a separate operation, AKPS also seized two containers carrying pork worth RM873,000 on Tuesday. DCP Nik Ezanee said the shipments failed to meet veterinary and quarantine require-

ments set by the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department (MAQIS).

"Although the shipment's declaration and documentation were found in order, investigators discovered that the cutting facility used to process the meat was not approved by MAQIS," he said.

The seized pork originated from Belgium and forms part of a

broader crackdown this month, with total pork seizures reported by AKPS reaching RM2mil.

Earlier interceptions include two containers from Spain on Jan 20, with a combined estimated value of RM660,137 and weight of 49,972kg, and a container from Belgium on Jan 14, valued at RM495,740 with a weight of 27,000kg.

17.	TAJUK	157 MANGSA TERJEJAS DI PUSAT PEMINDAHAN DIBENAR PULANG
	SUMBER	BH (30 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	18 (NASIONAL)

Kebakaran tanah gambut



Anggota bomba memastikan kesan kebakaran tanah gambut yang berjaya dipadamkan tidak merebak di tempat lain di Jalan Sungai Kapal, Pengerang, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

157 mangsa terjejas di pusat pemindahan dibenar pulang

Kota Tinggi: Semua 157 mangsa daripada 51 keluarga yang terjejas akibat kebakaran tanah gambut seluas hampir 100 hektar di Jalan Sungai Kapal, Taman Bayu Damai, Pengerang dibenarkan pulang ke kediaman masing-masing semalam, selepas keadaan semakin pulih.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Daerah Kota Tinggi, Miswan Yunus, berkata kedua-dua pusat pemindahan sementara (PPS) di Dewan Serbaguna Taman Bayu Damai dan Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Kapal

ditutup pada jam 10 pagi semalam.

Beliau berkata, kawasan kebakaran tanah gambut di kawasan Jalan Sungai Kapal, Taman Bayu Damai itu sudah dapat dikawal.

"Bacaan Indeks Pencemaran Udara (IPU) di kawasan perumahan penduduk yang terjejas juga semakin menurun ke tahap normal.

"Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Daerah Kota Tinggi bersetuju dua PPS di Dewan Serbaguna Taman Bayu Damai dan di Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Sungai Kapal ditutup jam

10 pagi tadi (semalam)," katanya menerusi kenyataan, semalam.

Sementara itu, Timbalan Pengarah Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia Johor, Muhammad Al Mustakim Abdul Hady, berkata setakat ini kebakaran berjaya dikawal dengan tompokan besar kebakaran dipadamkan sepenuhnya.

"Bomba bagaimanapun sedang memastikan tompokan-tompokan kecil kebakaran dapat dipadamkan sepenuhnya agar tidak merebak menjadi besar semula," katanya.

18.	TAJUK	DITUDUH SOGOK PEGAWAI JAS 50K
	SUMBER	HARIAN METRO (30 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	2 (LOKAL)



FANJUN (tengah) mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen atas pertuduhan bersubahat memberi rasuah RM50,000 kepada seorang pegawai JAS, tahun lalu.

Dituduh sogok pegawai JAS RM50k

Seremban: Bekas ahli lembaga pengarah syarikat pelupusan sisa elektronik (e-waste) mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen di sini semalam atas pertuduhan bersubahat memberi rasuah RM50,000 kepada pegawai Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) tahun lepas.

Jiang Fanjun, 43, yang merupakan warga China, membuat pengakuan tersebut selepas pertuduhan dibacakan di hadapan Hakim Mohamad Kamil Nizam.

Mengikut pertuduhan, lelaki terbabit didakwa bersubahat dengan warga

tempatan Soon Kein Chong, 40, dengan memberikan suapan berjumlah RM50,000 kepada pegawai JAS berkenaan.

Perbuatan itu didakwa sebagai dorongan supaya tindakan undang-undang tidak diambil terhadap Kein Chong di bawah Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 bagi kesalahan tidak memiliki lesen premis, tiada kebenaran bertulis daripada Ketua Pengarah, tiada kelulusan laporan Penilaian Kesan Alam Sekitar dan larangan menempatkan buangan terjadual di premis yang tidak ditetapkan.

19.	TAJUK	AHLI PERNIAGAAN NAFI RASUAH
	SUMBER	HARIAN METRO (30 JANUARI 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ALAM SEKITAR
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	2 (LOKAL)

Jumaat 30.01.2026 | **Harian Metro**

Ahli perniagaan nafi rasuah RM2k

Shah Alam: Seorang ahli perniagaan mengaku tidak bersalah di Mahkamah Sesyen di sini, semalam atas tuduhan memberi suapan wang tunai RM2,000 kepada seorang pegawai Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) pada Oktober tahun lepas.

Tan Kim Seng, 65, didakwa secara rasuah memberikan suapan itu kepada seorang Pegawai Kawalan Kanan Alam Sekitar di JAS Putrajaya ketika itu sebagai dorongan supaya tindakan undang-undang tidak diambil terhadapnya atas kesalahan di bawah Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 (Akta 127) pada 1.20 tengah hari di Kampung Telok Gong, Klang, pada 16 Okt 2025.

Dia didakwa melakukan kesalahan di bawah Seksyen 17(b) Akta Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) 2009

(Akta 694), yang boleh dihukum di bawah Seksyen 24(1) akta yang sama.

Jika sabit kesalahan, tertuduh boleh dipenjarakan sehingga 20 tahun dan didenda tidak kurang daripada lima kali ganda jumlah atau nilai suapan jika ia berbentuk wang, atau RM10,000, mengikut mana-mana yang lebih tinggi.

Pegawai Pendakwa SPRM, Mohd Alimi Mustapha, mencadangkan ikat jamin antara RM10,000 hingga RM15,000 dengan syarat tambahan supaya tertuduh melaporkan diri di pejabat SPRM, menyerahkan pasport, dan tidak mengganggu saksi pendakwaan.

Peguam Tan Han Sam memohon jumlah jaminan dikurangkan kepada RM5,000 memandangkan tertuduh memberi kerjasama sewaktu siasatan SPRM.

20.	TAJUK	HEALTH THREAT OF GLOBAL PLASTICS PROJECTED TO SOAR
	SUMBER	NST (30 JANUARY 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	13 (LIFE \$ TIMES)

Health threat of global plastics projected to soar

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THE threat posed by plastic production, usage and disposal to human health will skyrocket in the coming years unless the world does something to address this global crisis, researchers have warned.

A British-French team of researchers attempted to cover all the different ways that plastic affects health, from oil and gas extraction during production to all the products that end up in landfills.

However they said that their modelling study still does not take into account an array of other ways plastic could harm health, such as microplastics or chemicals that can leach out of food packaging.

"This is undoubtedly a vast underestimate of the total human health impacts," lead study author Megan Deeney of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine told AFP. The study, published in *The Lancet Planetary Health*, said it was the first to estimate the number of healthy years of life lost due to the lifecycle of plastic worldwide.

The researchers used a measure called DALYs, which represents the number of years lost to either early death or diminished quality of life from illness.

Under a business-as-usual scenario, the number of DALYs caused by plastic was projected to more than double from 2.1 million in 2016 to 4.5 million in 2040.

Planet-heating greenhouse gas

emissions from plastic production had the biggest health impact, followed by air pollution and toxic chemicals.

Deeney gave the example of a plastic water bottle.

Like more than 90 per cent of all plastic, its production begins with the extraction of oil and gas.

A series of chemical processes then transform those fossil fuels into Polyethylene terephthalate — or PET — which the bottle is made from.

Deeney pointed out that a stretch of more than 200 petrochemical plants involved in plastic production in the US state of Louisiana is known as "cancer alley".

Once made, the plastic bottle is transported across the world to a shop — then it gets chucked in the rubbish — or littered.

Despite recycling efforts, most plastic ends up in landfills where it can take centuries to decompose, leaching out chemicals during that time, Deeney said.

The researchers also modelled a scenario where the world tried harder to fight the health effects of plastic.

They found that plastic recycling made little difference.

The most effective measure was reducing the amount of "unnecessary" plastic created in the first place, Deeney said.



Planet-heating greenhouse gas emissions from plastic production had the biggest health impact, followed by air pollution and toxic chemicals. picture credit: PRAWAT/ISI — GETTY IMAGES

21.	TAJUK	PEAT FIRE EXTINGUISHED AFTER WEEK-LONG BATTLE
	SUMBER	THE STAR (30 JANUARY 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	10 (NATION)



Tough task:
A firefighter wading through watery terrain amid efforts to extinguish the peat fire in Pengarang, Johor. — Bernama

Peat fire extinguished after week-long battle

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KOTA TINGGI: After close to a week of firefighting, the peat fire in Pengarang which raged close to 100ha has been extinguished.

Kota Tinggi disaster management committee chairman Miorwan Yusof said with this, all 157 evacuees placed at two temporary relief centres (PPS) have been allowed to return home.

"The Air Pollutant Index readings in affected residential areas have dropped to normal levels. In view of the improved conditions, the committee agreed to close two PPS at Desa Taman Raya Damai and SK Sungai Kapal," he said, adding that both centres were closed at 10am yesterday.

Johor Fire and Rescue Department deputy director Muhammad Al Mustakim Abdul Hady said despite the improvements, firefighting operations were ongoing in Jalan Sungai Kapal, Taman Raya Damai, to prevent any flare-up.

"The situation is under control. Large hotspots have been completely put out but our personnel are continuing efforts to prevent any reignition," he said.

He said monitoring and mop-up operations will continue.

The peat fire started last Friday, raising thick clouds of smoke which forced residents in the vicinity to evacuate.

Air assets were deployed to conduct a series of water bombing sorties to suppress the fire.

22.	TAJUK	DRY SPELL KEEPING FIREMEN BUSY
	SUMBER	THE STAR (30 JANUARY 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	10 (NATION)

Dry spell keeping firemen busy

Emergency calls five times higher than January last year

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JOHOR BARU: The present dry spell has seen firemen responding to five times more calls to fight fires this month, compared with the same period in 2024 and 2025.

Fire and Rescue Department director-general Datuk Seri Nor Hisham Mohammad said the department has responded to 3,194 fires in January.

This included 2,388 bush fires, 475 fires at illegal dump sites, 170 cases of forest fires, 96 at gardens and orchards, and others involving farms, plantations, council-run landfills, and industrial areas.

The same figures for January in 2024 and 2025 were 729 and 726, respectively.

He said Kedah alone has four

major fires while Johor saw one in recent days, involving some 136ha in Johor and Kedah combined.

"The peat soil fire in Johor is the biggest, involving some 99ha in Pengerang, which has been burning for seven days.

"However, we have managed to bring it under control, with still 40% to be fully put out," Nor Hisham said when contacted yesterday.

He added that the other active fires in Kedah include a 6ha fire at a sanitary landfill in Padang Cina, a one hectare site involving shrubs in Bukit Sri Ternas, and an illegal dumpsite in Kg Besah Tawar in Baling.

"The 30ha forest area in Ladang Jentayu, which has been burning since Jan 27, has been fully doused," he said.



Sky-high plume: An aerial view of a column of smoke billowing from a sanitary landfill in Padang Cina in Kulim, Kedah. — Courtesy photo

Nor Hisham added that previously there was also large scale open burning in Johor totalling 315ha, Selangor (7.24ha) and Sabah (5.66ha) which has since been put out.

"We have presently deployed

helicopters to carry out water bombing activities in Kedah and Johor," he said.

He added that the department was presently using thermal imaging to detect and monitor fires in open areas, and urged the

public to refrain from conducting any open burning or throwing their cigarette butts indiscriminately, while any sighting of smoke or fire should be reported to the 999 hotline immediately to enable a prompt response.

23.	TAJUK	EXPERT : HOT, DRY WEATHER TYPICAL DURING NORTH-EAST MONSOON
	SUMBER	THE STAR (30 JANUARY 2026)
	BIDANG PERKARA/SUBJEK	ENVIRONMENT
	MUKA SURAT/RUANGAN	10 (NATION)

Expert: Hot, dry weather typical during north-east monsoon

KUALA LUMPUR: The hot, dry and windy conditions in northern Peninsular Malaysia, known locally as "musim timur", is a normal weather pattern during the northeast monsoon season, says an expert.

Universiti Malaya (UM) meteorologist Prof Emeritus Datuk Dr Azizan Abu Samah said the north-east monsoon is driven by cold surges, strong northeasterly or easterly winds and a low-pressure zone, known as the monsoon trough.

The professor from UM's Institute of Ocean and Earth

Sciences, said between January and February, the monsoon trough shifts southwards with the sun's movement, compared with its position over northern Peninsular Malaysia and southern Thailand.

This happens at the onset of the north-east monsoon from November to December, when heavy rainfall is more widespread.

"These hot and dry conditions are normal for northern Peninsular Malaysia and southern Thailand as the monsoon trough has shifted to the southern South China Sea.

"Northern states are now out-

side the convergence zone, entering the east season or dry spell with clear skies, dry and windy conditions.

"Rainfall is expected to pick up from April," he told Bernama.

Prof Azizan said the south, including Johor, Sabah and Sarawak, is now seeing more rain as the monsoon trough shifts.

He said the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO), which usually supports thunderstorms and wet conditions in the north, is currently in a dry phase.

The MJO is a natural tropical climate pattern that swings every

20 to 60 days and typically occurs in the absence of El Nino or La Nina events.

"The situation isn't critical as heavy rainfall in November and December kept all dams full, which should sustain supplies until April.

"It's just hot weather but the temperatures haven't reached 40°C, averaging around 34 to 35°C," Prof Azizan said.

The Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) on Tuesday said six locations in the peninsula have recorded over seven consecutive rain-free days

including Perlis (30 days), Langkawi (27 days), Kedah (27 days) and central Melaka (23 days).

In addition, the southwest district in Penang recorded 23 rain-free days, followed by Kuala Langat in Selangor (23 days) and Kota Setar in Kedah (20 days).

MetMalaysia's long-term weather survey for January to June 2026 predicts wet conditions in northern Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah early on with rainfall expected to decline from mid to late period, especially in central and southern Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak.

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