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PASIR GUDANG: Singapore appears to be adhering to the month-long suspension of the Restricted Area (RA) over the Pasir Gudang airspace and the implementation of the Instrument Landing System (ILS) procedures for Seletar Airport.

No aircraft were seen flying over Pasir Gudang yesterday.

A three-hour observation by the New Straits Times Press here since 9am showed no signs of aircraft from the republic flying over the airspace.

It is an indication that the suspension is being adhered to, as residents claimed that normally, during that time, aircraft from Singapore could be seen flying over the town.

Previously, large and small aircraft were seen flying low as they made their descent at Seletar Airport, which is just off the Johor Straits, overlooking the Jo-



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hor Port here.

Civil servant Isa Mesuron, 59, said he welcomed the move taken by both countries and hoped it would be made permanent.

"The use of Malaysian airspace by Singapore is inappropriate as it will disrupt development, especially in Pasir Gudang.

"The temporary suspension is good, but it is better if it (the ILS procedure) is cancelled. I hope the one-month period will be enough to review the pros and cons of the ILS," he said.

Since moving to Pasir Gudang 19 years ago, he said, he would often see Singaporean aircraft

flying low over the town centre before landing at Seletar Airport.

"This situation has become a nuisance to residents here. We need to consider the risks of something untoward, like a crash, happening," said Isa.

Housewife S. Manonmani, 51, said regardless of the suspension, it was more important for Malaysia and Singapore to reach an agreement on the matter.

"Both countries have to discuss the matter amicably. Maybe Singapore can change the flight path by using only their airspace."

Trader Rosita Awang, 44, said

the residents were uneasy with the use of the area's airspace.

She said other than the noise, it was also a concern when planes get too close to buildings, which puts residents at risk.

"If it endangers the people here, it is better cancelled."

On Tuesday, the Foreign Ministries of Malaysia and Singapore reached an agreement to suspend the permanent RA in the Pasir Gudang airspace and the ILS procedures for a month, which meant that flights bound for Seletar Airport will not be allowed to use the Pasir Gudang airspace in that period.

