

# PERPUSTAKAAN AWAM PASIR GUDANG

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## Johor urges stern action against haze culprits

**JOHOR BARU:** Johor, which is getting the worst of the haze blown from Sumatra, Indonesia, wants the National Haze Committee to take stern action to put an end to the issue.

State Health and Environment Committee chairman Datuk Ayub Rahmat said the Federal Government should find ways to resolve the issue that has been recurring

for years due to open burning.

He suggested suing those responsible for the opening burning because the pollution not only affected people's health but caused cross-border problems.

He said that if Indonesia could seize and sink the boats of Malaysian fishermen for encroaching its waters, "then our country should start taking strict action".

Ayub was speaking to reporters after attending the Johor Basic Sustainability workshop yesterday.

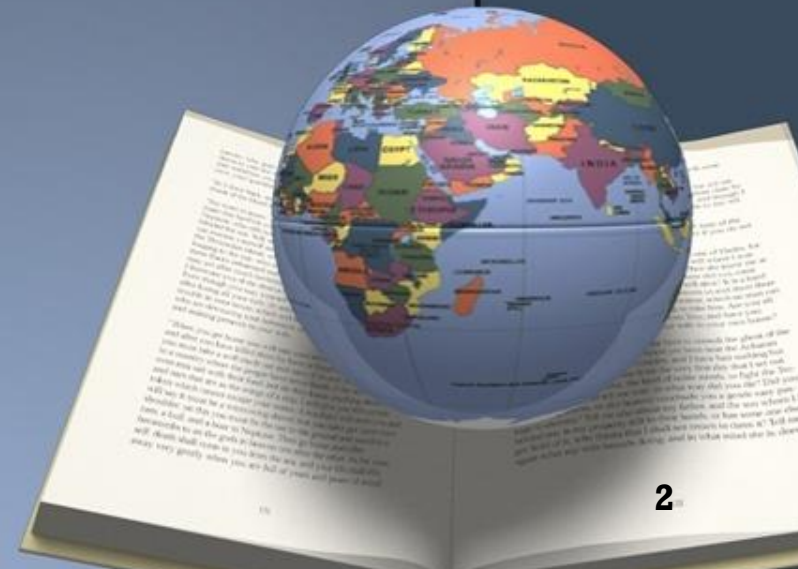
"The haze is not a new issue and action should be taken against the neighbouring country since it forces our people to live with unhealthy air," he said.

He said the haze had affected parts of Johor three years in a row. "As we all know, haze can cause

coughs, sore eyes, asthma or worse lung disease," he said, adding that those affected should seek immediate treatment.

The Air Pollutant Index (API) hit 103 in Pasir Gudang on Saturday, breaching into unhealthy levels.

As at 3pm yesterday, Muar recorded an API of 78; it was 71 in Kota Tinggi and 73 in both Pasir Gudang and Larkin Lama.



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## Review of security in schools

Minister: Stringent checks needed to ensure outsiders do not enter compounds

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**JOHOR BARU:** The Education Ministry wants all state directors to review the contracts of security companies to safeguard the safety of students in schools nationwide. Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said some schools hired guards that do not have the basic knowledge or skills.

He was commenting on an incident where an eight-year-old pupil in Dungun, Terengganu was molested in a storeroom by an outsider who sneaked into the school compound.

"The security at the school was not stringent, making it easy for an outsider to come into the compound.

"The ministry has had discussions at the highest level and asked

all state education department directors and district education offices to look into the matter seriously," he said after opening Sekolah Seni Malaysia Johor at Bandar Seri Alam here.

On another matter, Mahdzir also said the ministry has lifted the ban on all water related co-curricular activities which was announced on Aug 12.

However, standard operating procedures (SOP) will be put in place for such activities.

They will stipulate what must be done before, during and after such activities.

Schools must also get information such as health risks and medical advice from the district health office a month before the activity, he said.

This follows the death of a teacher from SMK Tunku Seri Indera Putra, Jitra, Kedah, after contracting leptospirosis.

Mohd Yusri Yaacob, together with 105 teachers and students, had gone to Baling for water activities from July 17 to 20.



Mahdzir (right) at the launch of Sekolah Seni Malaysia in Johor Baru.

