

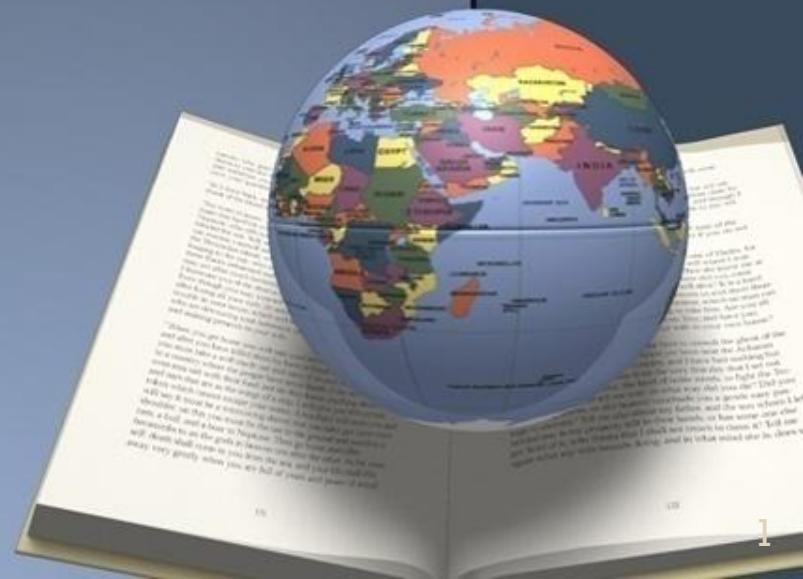
PERPUSTAKAAN AWAM PASIR GUDANG

KERATAN AKHBAR BERKAITAN PASIR GUDANG

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Pasir Gudang

Salur bantuan keperluan RM10,000 kepada mangsa Sungai Kim Kim

Jawi Food Bank Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (JAWI) menyalurkan barangan keperluan bernilai RM10,000 kepada mangsa pencemaraan bahan kimia Sungai Kim Kim.

Pengarah JAWI, Mohd Ajib Ismail berkata, sumbangan yang disertai rakan strategik itu termasuk 300 helai tuala mandi dan 140 topeng penutup muka yang diagihkan ke pusat rawatan mangsa pencemaraan sisa kimia itu.

"Ada 50 karton air kotak, barang makanan dan keperluan penjagaan

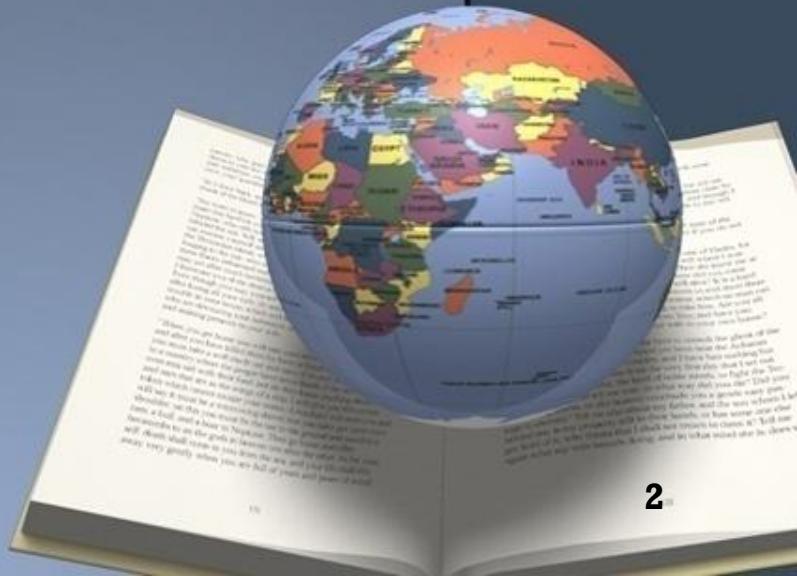
kesihatan bilik mandi diagihkan," katanya di Menara Aqabah Majlis Perbandaran Pasir Gudang (MPPG) di sini, semalam.

Pada masa sama, sebanyak 95 beg hadiah membabitkan barang keperluan termasuk kain pelikat, tuala dan makanan diagihkan kepada pesakit di Hospital Sultan Ismail (HSI) di sini.

Beliau berkata, rombongan yang disertai Masjid Jamek Sultan Abdul Samad, Bahagian Dakwah JAWI bertujuan menyantuni masyarakat yang terjejas.



MOHD Ajib (tiga dari kiri) menyerahkan topeng penutup muka pada majlis sumbangan di Menara Aqabah MPPG Pasir Gudang.



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DALAM NEGERI

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PENCEMARAN SISA TOKSIK DI PASIR GUDANG



Tujuh tong dipercayai sisa buangan toksik ditemukan

PASIR GUDANG 18 Mac – Belum pun reda kes pencemaran toksik di Sungai Kim Kim di sini, bersekutu lagi tujuh buah tong berisi sisa buangan bahagian kimia ditemukan dalam semak di Taman Tanjung Puteri Resort di sini.

Kesemua tujuh buah tong berwarna biru itu ditemui di telok berhampiran Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Tanjung Puteri Resort oleh penduduk kawasan berkenaan sejak 14 Mac lalu.

Seorang wakil penduduk, Ahmad Roh Arifin, 50, berkata, penemuan tong yang menarik minat oleh seorang penduduk taman itu telah dimaklumkan kepada pihak berkuasa sebelum ini namun tida seba-

rang tindakan diambil.

“Semasa ditemui, tong itu didapati berbau seperti cuka tapi ia tidak dibuka kerana tidak tahu apa isi kandungannya.”

“Hari ini, saya lapor kan tebus perkara ini kepada pejabat Menteri Besar dan wakilnya telah datang untuk meninjau kawasan terbabit dengan bantuan polis,” katanya ketika ditemui memberita di lokasi penemuan tong tersebut, di sini hari ini.

Katanya, tiga daripada tong berkenaan ditemukan dibuang dalam longkang manakala empat lagi ditemukar di bawah jambatan sebatang anak sungai yang bersambung dengan Sungai Kim Kim.

Hampir semua sekolah kualiti udara normal

PASIR GUDANG 18 Mac – Hanya Sekolah Kebangsaan Taman Rinting 3 di sini menunjukkan kualiti udara yang tidak normal iaitu bacaan nilai Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) pada kadar lima dan tiga patik per sejuta (PPM), menerusi pengukuran yang dijalankan semalam.

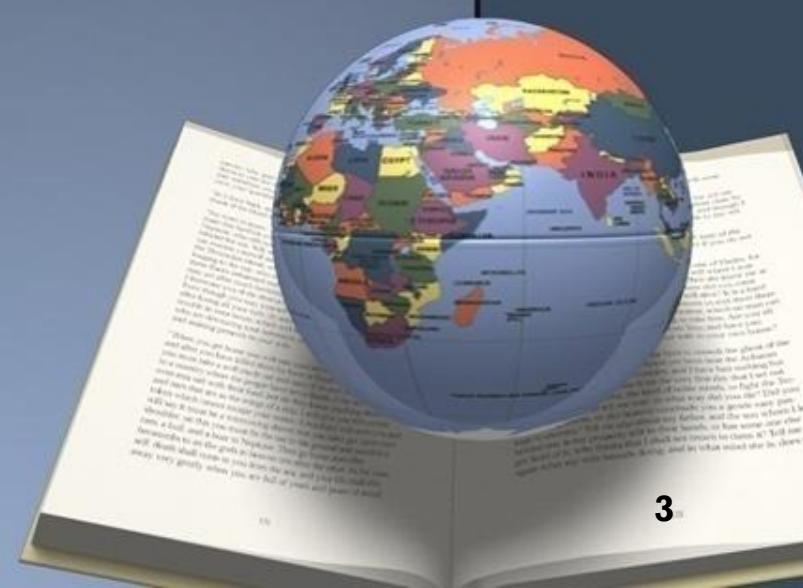
Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) dalam satu kenyataan memeritahui, pemantauan dibuat di kesemuanya 42 sekolah yang berada dalam radius kawasan pencemaran toksik di Sungai Kim Kim di sini.

Menurut kenyataan berke-

nian, hampir kecemasan sekolah mempunyai kadar VOC sejar, kecuali SK Taman Rinting 3.

Pemantauan di 42 buah sekolah itu dibuat oleh 30 pasukan pemantauan Kementerian Tenaga, Sains, Teknologi, Alam Sekitar dan Perubahan Iklim (MESTECO), masing-masing selama puluh sahaja minit, 3 dan 6 pagi semalam.

“Kadar VOC lima dan tiga PPM di sekolah berkenaan diperoleh ketika pemantauan dibuat pada puluh 3 petang, masing-masing di aras bawah dan aras satu sekolah berkenaan,” katanya.



KOSMO

2 Bencana udara beracun di Pasir Gudang



KOSMO SELASA 19 MAC 2019

Kesemua suspek direman 6 hari bantu siasatan kes pencemaran Sungai Kim Kim

9 suspek cemar sungai ditahan

Oleh SHARKEY LONDON dan MOHD. IZUAN ROSELI

JOHOR BAHRU - Polis semakin hampir menuntaskan kejadian pencemaran sisя kimia di Sungai Kim Kim segera selepas berjaya membezaksa seorang bapa di dalam bekas buah pasir sisa tangkaparan Pingit Jasin Melawati Negara Persekutuan Malaysia (PDRM) Kortinoh Jalan Johor di sini kelmarin.

Ketua polis Negara, Tan Sri Mohamad Haniffa bin Salleh (gambar kecil) berkata, kesemua individu itu ditahan semasa mengikut siasatan dan diproses bantuan dalam kes pencemaran sisя kimia di Sungai Kim Kim sejak 7 Mac lalu.

Tambah beliau, permohonan reman bagi kesemua suspek adalah bagi memastikan mereka tidak dilanjutkan ke bawah Seksyen 278 Kanan Keseksamaan kerma menjadikannya udara berbahaya kepada nyawa manusia.

"Suspek yang disiasat sejak 7 Mac lalu terdiri daripada dua suspek sebelumnya iaitu Selepas 294 orang yang berada di bawah tangkaparan, terdapat seorang lagi yang dibuang ke dalam parit dan bawang jambatan Tertehalui," Mohamed Fuzi berkata, polis merentas.

Inividu yang didapati bersalah di bawah Seksyen

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RESTORING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.



ALIZAN MAHADI

THE CASE FOR A 'BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY' POLICY

The right to a clean and healthy environment must be enshrined in our Constitution so that polluters can be held responsible and accountable for their actions

LAST week, environmental ministers from around the world met at the United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi, with one of its agenda items to agree an implementation plan to make this a pollution-free planet. At the same time, almost 4,000 people were reportedly treated for injuries and toxic fumes due to the dumping of hazardous wastes into Sungai Kim Kim in Johor.

In recent times, environmental issues have been mainstreamed, evidenced by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) being agreed to in 2015 as the over-arching framework for the development agenda at the United Nations. In Malaysia, environmental policies have evolved from addressing pollution since the 1970s, towards grander aspirations to achieve green growth.

At the implementation level, however, there is still a long way to go. We are still stuck in the first hurdle in grappling with the most basic environmental protection issues.

In 2017, the Ministry of Environment announced that 90 of 100 rivers monitored for levels of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) were classified as polluted. Air pollution control plans in the region, with an Air Pollution Index (API) reading of 143 recorded in Kota Kinabalu on Saturday.

More recently, bauxite mining in Kuantan led to complaints about water quality and modelling specialist Dr Zaki Zainudin, who has been monitoring the river for nearly 10 years, "It was an open secret that this dumping site since 2012". Its long-term impact on the health of those affected is still poorly understood.

And what about the cases in different localities that we are hardly aware to health at high levels of exposure. While the focus now



The Fire and Rescue Department hazardous materials (Hazmat) team cleaning up the chemically-polluted Sungai Kim Kim in Pasir Gudang, Johor, recently. PIC BY ADI SAFRI

is to treat victims that suffer from acute illnesses, such as respiratory problems and skin irritation, what is often lost is that the pollutants can result in chronic illnesses. Some of the chemicals are carcinogens – which can cause cancer – as well as affect organs such as the liver causing liver damage.

History tells us that we should dismiss the pollution as an event. The Bukit Merah rare earth radioactive disposal led to at least eight leukaemia cases and several cases of physical deformities in newborns.

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If you add the potential costs of further clean-up, hospital treatment, monitoring and business disruption, this will have to be borne by the government, businesses, individuals and society at large. It multiplies further.

Moreover, from a practical perspective, these principles should be embedded within our domestic policies and law.

Under the Environmental Quality Act 1974, the maximum fine is RM500,000. In addition, the practice of granting contravention licences to industries provides no incentive to install pollution controls especially as the cost of the licences is often cheaper.

From an individual rights perspective, attempts to sue the responsible companies are seemingly difficult due to the fact that the right to a clean and healthy environment is not enshrined in our Constitution.

As the saying goes, prevention is better than cure, and while the firefighting approach is needed to solve the crisis in Johor, a more sustainable approach is needed to protect our citizens.

This requires strengthening or replacing existing laws and policies to address environmental protection.

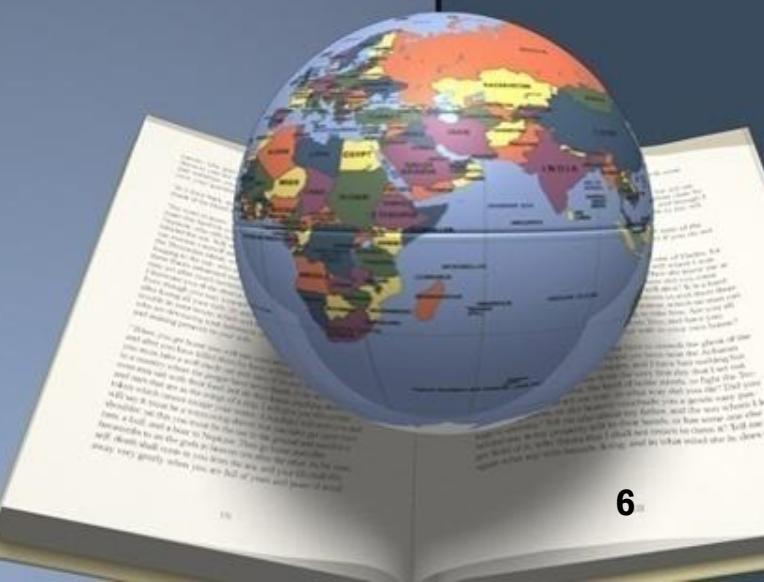
Ultimately though, the effectiveness of any policy lies in its implementation.

Where it hits the bottom line of the world, it is only natural to expect vested interests to attempt to influence the enforcement process.

However, in the New Malaysia, hopefully, the past is consigned to the past, especially in relation to issues that impact our ability to pursue a long and meaningful life, such as our environmental health.

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JOHOR BARU: The state government will set up permanent monitoring posts at Sungai Kim Kim from Thursday to ensure that illegal dumping activities at the Pasir Gudang river do not happen again.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Osman Sapian said that two enforcement officers from the Pasir Gudang Municipal Council (MPPG) would be put on shift to monitor selected locations at the river.

"The local authorities will be closely monitoring the place from time to time, especially during the wee hours, to prevent a similar incident from ever happening again."

"I will go down to monitor the river conditions myself and see the most strategic spot to monitor and station our personnel in the area," he said after attending the state disaster management committee meeting at MPPG.

The illegal dumping of hazardous chemicals into Sungai Kim Kim on March 7 caused toxic fumes that resulted in up to 3,000 people, many of them students, needing medical treatment. The Education Ministry also ordered the closure of 111 schools in Pasir Gudang as authorities worked to remove chemicals from the river.

Osman added that although the clean-up work was completed, the state ordered the contractors involved to stay and monitor the location until tomorrow.

A total of 450 tonnes of polluted soil, water and sludge from Sungai Kim Kim was removed on Sunday with work now entering the monitoring stage.

Johor MB promises no repeat of incident

MPPG enforcement officers to be stationed at strategic spots along Sungai Kim Kim

"We have finished the clean-up process; it is just that we still need to monitor the location for at least three days as part of our contingency plan."

"The polluted material has been sent to an incineration plant in Jalan Tembaga, Pasir Gudang to be incinerated," Osman said, adding that this was done to ensure that all chemical residue was destroyed.

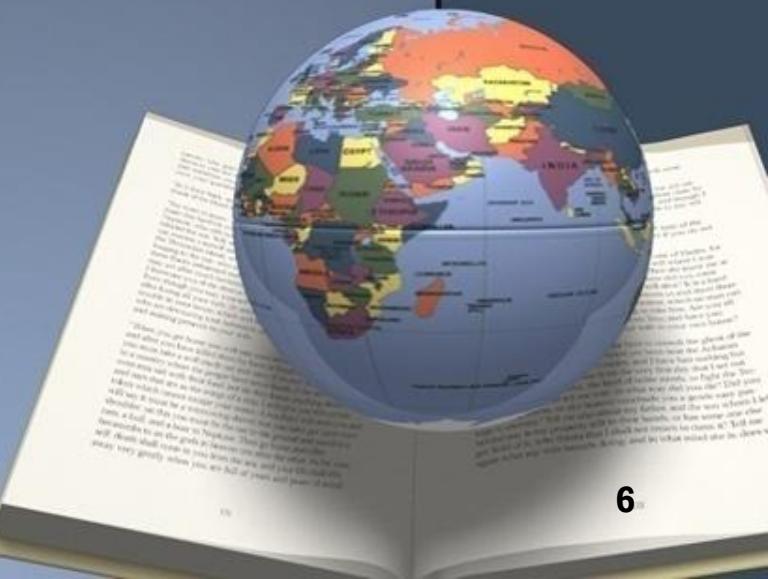
"The incinerated remains will be sent to Kualiti Alam Hazardous Waste Management Facility in Bukit Pelanduk, Seremban," he said.

Now that the toxic chemicals were removed from the river, the Menteri Besar said the focus would shift to the task of hunting down other factory or owners of premises involved in illegal waste dumping in the state, with the police having already identified some locations.

"We will come down hard on these irresponsible people who have taken this illegal dumping act lightly, and all updates will be shared by the state chief of police," he said.



Osman chairing the disaster management committee meeting at the Pasir Gudang Municipal Council. The state intends to set up permanent monitoring stations along Sungai Kim Kim.



SINAR HARIAN

Temui 7 tong berbau cuka

Ditemui bawah jambatan di belakang SMK Tanjung Puteri Resort

RAZIATUL HANUM
A. RAJAK

PASIR GUDANG

Penduduk Taman Tanjung Puteri Resort mendakwa, menemui tujuh tong biru mencurigakan di bawah jambatan dan longkang kira-kira 500 meter dari SMK Tanjung Puteri Resort, semalam.

Jarak kawasan penemuan empat tong di bawah jambatan dengan penemuan tiga tong di kawasan parit kira-kira 200 meter.

Sementara itu, Pegawai Khas Menteri Besar Johor, Syed Othman Abdullah

seperti cuka.
"Penduduk yang memikat ayam jumpa sejak Kh amis lalu dan masa itu, kita dah laporkan kepada pihak berkuasa, namun tiada tindakan sampai hari ini (semalam)."

"Kita jumpa empat tong bawah jambatan ini dan tiga tong lagi dalam parit. Masa turun tengok kita ada terhadir seperti cuka pada tong itu," katanya ketika ditemui di lokasi penemuan tujuh tong mencurigakan di belakang SMK Tanjung Puteri Resort, semalam.

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Sementara itu, Pegawai Khas Menteri Besar Johor,

Kemudian, pegawai Ja-

hadir ke lokasi selepas menerima aduan dan difahamkan perkara tersebut disampaikan kepada Menteri Besar, Dato' Osman Sapian.

Batan Alam Sekitar (JAS) Johor tiba di lokasi dan mengambil sampel berwarna hitam pekat.

Pasukan Unit Bahaya Berbahaya (Hazmat) Jabatan Bomba Malaysia turut

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Anggota bomba dan penyelamat dari Unit Hazmat mengambil bacaan pada beberapa tong yang dijumpai di kawasan parit berhampiran SMK Tanjung Puteri Resot, Pasir Gudang.

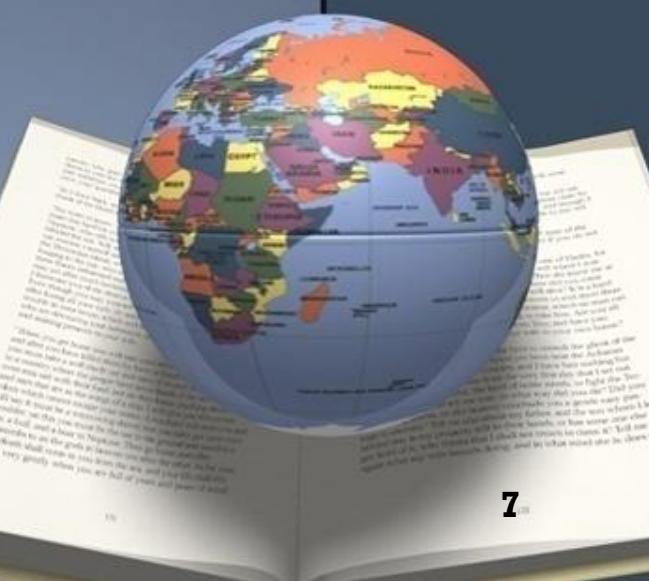
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 - 3 tong dalam parit
 - Sungai Sembilang bersambung Sungai Kim Kim

lama tercemar.

"Keadaan sungai itu memang begitu dah kotor bertahun-tahun, lebih lima tahun lepas tapi tiada tin-dakan."

"Punca kotor kita tidak pasti mungkin kerana sisa perumahan berdekatan atau kilang-kilang dekat-dekat sini, katanya yang tidak mahu kes pencemaran kimia di Sungai Kim Kim berulang.

Beliau berharap tong-tong tersebut dikeluarkan segera dan kawasan itu dibersihkan supaya tidak menjadi lebih parah.



BERITA HARIAN

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→ ALAM SEKITAR

PENCEMARAN DI PASIR GUDANG

2 ditangkap di Johor, 7 di negeri lain

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Johor Bahru

Polis menahan sembilan lelaki diperlakukan terabit dalam kes pembuangan sisa bahan kimia di Sungai Kim Kim, Taman Pasir Putih, Pasir Gudang, dekat sini.

Ketua Polis Negara, Tan Sri Mohamad Fuzi Harun, berkata semua suspek itu ditahan dalam operasi khas kelmarin.

"Dua suspek ditahan di Johor manakala tujuh lagi ditahan di luar negeri ini.

Tak boleh dedah maklumat

"Operasi memburu suspek lain masih diteruskan. Saya tidak boleh dedahkan terlahar banyak maklumat kerana akan mengganggu siasatan dan operasi polis," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas mempunyakan Istiadat Penganugerahan Pingat Jasa Pahlawan Negara Kontinen Johor di Dewan Dato' Onn, Ibu Pejabat Polis Kontinen (IPK) Johor di sini, semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Pengarah Pengurusan Bukit Aman, Datuk

Abd Rahim Jaafar; Ketua Polis negeri, Datuk Mohd Khalil Kader Mohd dan Timbalan Ketua Polis negeri, Datuk Mohd Kamarudin Md Din.

Mohamad Fuzi berkata, semua suspek terabit kini direman enam hari sehingga Sabtu ini.

Katanya, semua mereka disiasat mengikut Seksyen 278, Seksyen 284 dan Seksyen 326 Kanun Keseksaan, masing-masing kerana menjadikan udara berbahaya kepada kesihatan, berkelakuan cuai membabitkan bahan beracun dan menyebabkan cedera parah.

Kelmarin, Mohamad Fuzi dilaporkan berkata, pihaknya sudah ada petunjuk bagi membersosial suspek utama terabit dengan pencemaran Sungai Kim Kim di sini dan operasi memburu mereka giat dijalankan.



Mohamad Fuzi menganugerahkan Pingat Jasa Pahlawan Negara kepada bekas pesara polis, Maimunah Abd Razak pada Majlis Istiadat Penganugerahan Pingat Jasa Pahlawan Negara Kontinen Johor, di Johor Bahru, semalam.

