



Press Statement

WEATHER OUTLOOK IN MALAYSIA

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Curent Weather Condition

The weather in February and March is generally hotter and drier over the northern states of Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah compared to other months of the year. The primary causes of this are the position of the sun, which is vertically overhead the Equator, and low cloud cover over the region. This year the situation has become more severe because of the occurrence a moderate El Nino phenomenon which is expected to continue till May.

In February 2010, most areas in Perlis, Kedah, Pulau Pinang, Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Negeri Sembilan and Johor in Peninsular Malaysia, Bintulu, Miri and Limbang in Sarawak and all of Sabah received only 0.4 – 88 mm of rain for the month. This represents 0.6-56.1 % of the average.

For the first 10 days of Mac 2010, 29 of the 34 main meteorological stations recorded 0-48 mm of rain or 0-66.3 % of the average for the period.

Outook for April – June 2010

Rainfall is expected to increase from the third week of March over the west coast states of Peninsular Malaysia, with rainfall amounts returning to normal over the peninsular from April.

Dry conditions in Perlis, Kedah and Pulau Pinang are expected to continue until April with reduced rainfall of 20-30% of average.

In Sabah dry conditions are expected to continue till May. Pedalaman, Pantai Barat and Labuan Federal Territory are expected to receive reduced rainfall of 20-40% of average. Other areas are expected to receive normal rainfall.

Rainfall in Sarawak is expected to be normal for the period.

Advice to the Public

Under the present hot and dry conditions, the public is advised to conserve water and not to carry out open burning.

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