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WORSENING AIR QUALITY

ROMPIN, BANTING API AT UNHEALTHY LEVELS

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THE air quality in Rompin, Pahang, and Banting, Selangor, have reached the unhealthy level of the Air Pollutant Index (API) of the Department of Environment.

A reading at the Rompin API station as of 9am showed that the API had touched 171 on the scale, while it reached 102 in Banting.

Another 62 API stations nationwide recorded moderate readings, while only two stations saw good air quality. No stations registered a hazardous reading.

An API reading between 0 and 50 is good, 51 to 100 is moderate, while 100 to 200 is classified as unhealthy, 200 to 300 as very unhealthy and more than 300 is hazardous.

Nine states are reported to be at Level 1 alert while Pendang in Kedah is at Level 2 (heatwave), with temperatures between 37°C and 40°C.

Based on a Malaysian Meteo-



The Air Pollutant Index in Banting has reached the unhealthy level of 102 yesterday.

rological Department (Met-Malaysia) update, as at 5.20pm yesterday, 21 areas were at Level 1 with temperatures between 35°C and 37°C.

The areas listed include Chuping in Perlis; Kota Setar, Sik, Baling and Kulim (Kedah); Hulu Perak, Kuala Kangsar, Kinta and Batang Padang (Perak); Jerantut, Raub, Temerloh, Maran and Ben-

tong (Pahang); Sepang and Petaling (Selangor).

Also listed were Port Dickson (Negri Sembilan), Melaka Tengah (Melaka), Tangkak in Johor and here.

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Sabah and Sarawak recorded daily maximum temperatures of less than 35°C.