



According to the Asean Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC), **wind patterns** indicate smoke is still being blown towards Peninsular Malaysia from Sumatra and into Sabah and Sarawak from Kalimantan.

Yesterday saw a sharp rise in the number of hotspots compared to Tuesday, with 465 hotspots in Kalimantan, 113 in Sumatra, 11 in Sabah and Sarawak. There was no hotspot indicated in Peninsular Malaysia.

'Very unhealthy' air quality

Meanwhile, according to the Environment Department's API readings, six areas have recorded very unhealthy air quality, as at 11am.

They are - Mukah (207), Sibu (244), Sarikei (236) , Sri Aman (212), Samarahan (226) and Kuching (271) in Sarawak.

Jakarta has implicated several Malaysian-linked palm oil companies in some forest fires there.

These are among 30 companies whose operations have been sealed by Indonesian authorities. Indonesia has said among the 30, it had also filed criminal charges against four over the forest fires.

The matter is being **probed** by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and its certification bodies.

The Malaysian companies implicated are IOI Corporation, Sime Darby Plantation, TDM Bhd and Kuala Lumpur Kepong (KLK) Bhd.

Of these, Sime Darby and IOI have **denied** that their subsidiaries' plantations had been sealed, while KLK **admitted** that a fire had broken out at one of its Indonesian subsidiaries' plantations, but that it had since been put out.