

# Using drones to create artificial rain

## Govt may use alternative measure to carry out cloud seeding to fight haze

**PUTRAJAYA:** The government may consider deploying drones to create artificial rain as Malaysia continues to seek different ways to combat the haze in the country.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said using drones was mooted as an alternative to conventional cloud seeding.

"We have a suggestion to use drones to form artificial rain.

"We can use several drones at one time and deploy in a particular area such as Putrajaya which is badly affected by haze," said Dr Mahathir at a press conference after chairing a meeting of the Special Cabinet Committee on Anti-

Corruption here.

Dr Mahathir was asked about Malaysia's efforts to manage the haze crisis which has worsened.

In his typical cynical manner, Dr Mahathir said "We will pray for rain."

"Of course, other things that we

have done include cloud seeding, advising people to wear masks and now using drones to create artificial rain," he added.

On why Indonesia did not accept Malaysia's offer of assistance to put out forest fires in the country which is causing the haze, Dr Mahathir said he had no idea.

"We offered help (to Indonesia) all the time. We have airplanes with water-bombing equipment.

"I have never asked Jokowi (Indonesian president Joko Widodo) why they do not want to receive our help. Why don't you ask Jokowi?" he said.