

After announcing the cancellation of the fire fighting operation using the aircraft, the fire department at the scene resumed efforts to extinguish the fires with a force of 15 personnel per shift.

As at 12pm today, six divisions registered an very unhealthy air quality level with Kuching with the highest API reading at 270 and followed by Sibü (245), Sarikei (237), Samarahan (224), Sri Aman (212) and Mukah (208).

Areas registering unhealthy API reading are Bintulu at 147 and followed by Samalaju (134), Miri (107) while areas registering moderate API reading are Limbang (81), Kapit (96) and SK Baram (95) as at 12pm yesterday, according to a press statement by State Disaster Management Committee (JPBN) secretariat office.

A total of nine hotspots are found in Sarawak (one in Belaga, two in Marudi and six in Tatau) compared to Kalimantan (788) and Sumatera (261) in Indonesia.

In terms of visibility Kuching has the worst at only 500m, compared to Miri at 6km.

In between these two areas, Kapit registered a visibility reading of 4km, Mulu (3.5km), Limbang (3km), Bintulu (2.5km), Sibü (2km) and Sri Aman (2km). A normal visibility reading is 10km and above.