

Low visibility grounds Ipoh flights yet again

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IPOH: Three passenger flights to Singapore and Johor Baru have been cancelled again today due to low visibility brought about by haze as of 8am today.

On Wednesday, a total of six flights involving up to 800 passengers were affected due to low visibility of only 800 meters.

This was the third time where the passengers were left stranded at the Sultan Azlan Shah Airport.

On Friday, 549 stranded passengers were supposed to fly out to Singapore and Johor Baru but had their flights cancelled.

A passenger who declined to be named said her flight to Singapore was scheduled to depart at 9.45am on Wednesday but it has been delayed.

"The airline officer told me that the flight has been rescheduled to depart today at the same time and so I am here.

"But I am shocked to know that the same flight has been cancelled again and again without informing me," she said adding that she wanted to visit her relatives in the republic.

Meanwhile, Sultan Azlan Shah Airport manager Mohd Ali Osman said that as of 8am today, three flights had been cancelled due to low visibility of 2.5km.

"The affected are Air Asia flight which was scheduled to depart at 9.45am and 1.15pm to Singapore and Johor Baru, respectively; and Malindo Air flight which was scheduled to depart at 1.20pm to Johor Baru," he said.

As of 9am, the Air Pollutant Index (API) reading was at 134 in Taiping, 145 (Tasek), Pegoh and Seri Manjung (119) and Tanjung Malim (91).