

Forest, peat soil fires in Sri Aman under control

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KUCHING: The operation to fight forest and peat soil fires in Sri Aman, which entered its seventh day today, was boosted through the successful 'water bombing' exercise by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency's (MMEA) Bombardier CL-415 aircraft.

The plane had been deployed on Sept 18 and 21 to carry out similar operations, but the attempts failed due to technical difficulties with the aircraft as well as a lack of water resources.

In today's operation, the aircraft, which began operations at 8.15am, conducted 10 sorties over four hours, spraying a total of 60,000 litres of water to bring the fire under control.

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Meanwhile, the Air Pollution Index (API) reading in Sri Aman rose slightly from 183 at 8 am to 204 as of 1pm.

The API reading between 0 and 50 is categorised as good, 51 to 100 (moderate), 101 to 200 (unhealthy), 201 to 300 (very unhealthy) and 300 or above (hazardous). - BERNAMA