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## Johor fire dept inundated with phone calls daily on open burning

**JOHOR BARU:** The Johor Fire and Rescue Department received an average of 100 phone calls daily on open burning last month.

Its director Datuk Yahaya Madis said the department was seeking help from local authorities to moni-

tor the areas under their respective jurisdiction, in particular landfills.

"We have 32 fire stations in the state where each station received at least three calls pertaining to forest fire and open burning. The department is hoping to get local councils

on board and assist us in tackling this issue, especially with the current dry and hot weather," he said.

Yahaya said this after attending the department's yearly assembly at its headquarters here yesterday.

He stressed local councils could

help the department by deploying their respective first response team to the fire location.

Yahaya said that the department was also hoping for a more stringent enforcement from the local councils, especially at illegal

landfill areas.

"When a fire occurs at a landfill area, it is very dangerous as we do not know what kind of chemicals are present or even the depth of the garbage dump in the area," he added.