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SMK Bangsar security guard **Hasniyah Salleh** placing a notice on the school's closure in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Pic by Rosela Ismail

School closure, again

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Religious school exams in Selangor put off

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THE Education Ministry has ordered schools and government-run kindergartens in Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Negri Sembilan, Pahang and Selangor, as well as some in Sarawak and Perak, to close today as the Air Pollutant Index (API) readings in those areas have reached unhealthy levels.

Schools in Seri Aman, Kuching and Samarahan in Sarawak and Tanjung Malim in Perak were also ordered to close, the Education Ministry said in a statement yesterday.

The statement said district education officers had been told to inform schools and alert parents to the closures.

Earlier yesterday, Deputy Education Minister P. Kamalanathan said an announcement would be made if schools would be closed.

He said Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid had told the ministry to monitor the haze situation.

"YBDS @MahdzirKhalid has requested @KemPendidikan to make an early announcement with regards to the current haze situation. Will update soon," Kamalanathan said in a tweet yesterday morning.

The Islamic Religious Departments of Selangor and the Federal Territory said schools under their jurisdictions would be closed today, and that the Penilaian Sekolah Rendah Agama (PSRA) ex-



Deputy Education Minister
P. Kamalanathan

Areas affected

District/State	Total Students		Total Teachers	Number of Schools
	(Secondary+ Primary)	Pre-School	(Secondary+ Primary)	(Secondary+ Primary)
Selangor	893,506	22,640	62,101	931
Kuala Lumpur	227,225	3,940	17,997	303
Putrajaya	19,228	1,038	1,656	25
Negri Sembilan	192,516	6,567	17,891	473
Kuching	124,334	5,450	10,170	265
Samarahan	50,648	4,223	5,030	198
Total	1,50,7457	43,858	114,845	2,195

Schools in Pahang, as well as in Tanjung Malim, Perak, will be closed, but numbers are unavailable at press time.

aminations, which were scheduled for today, had been postponed.

PSRA will be held tomorrow for religious schools in Selangor, and on Thursday for religious schools in Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) yesterday announced that lectures at its Selangor campuses would be cancelled today. However, staff would report for work as usual.

Lectures for the following days may be cancelled if the API readings warranted it, UiTM said in a statement.

"For campuses in other states, the decision to cancel lectures, based on API readings, lies with the respective rectors."

On Sept 15, schools in Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Malacca were closed after API readings in some areas almost reached 200.



Tourists wearing masks as they ride a trishaw near Stadthuys, Malacca, yesterday. Pic by Muhammad Hatim Ab Manan