

**STAR METRO INFO BASE**

**PERLIS**

**EMERGENCY**

POLICE & AMBULANCE	999
FIRE	994
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY	103
ENQUIRIES/FAULTS	100
INTERNATIONAL OPERATOR	101
RESCUE	991

**VOLUNTARY FIRE SQUADS**

AIR HITAM	794 0096
BUKIT PINANG	714 4259
CHANGLUN	924 1403
GUAR CHEMPEDAK	468 6716
KAMPUNG BARU	468 6760
KODIANG	925 5455
KUALA KEDAH	762 1554
POKOK SENJA	782 1318
TUNJANG	929 1386

**USEFUL CONTACTS**

PADANG BESAR IMMIGRATION	949 0305
PADANG BESAR CUSTOMS	949 3168
TRADE ENFORCEMENT	979 5000
ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT	979 1500
ACA	976 3982
ARAU RAILWAY STATION	986 1225
PERLIS STATE PARK	978 2812/ 976 5966
PERLIS SNAKE FARM	976 8511
KANGAR HOSPITAL	976 3333
KANGAR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL	976 2188/977 2000
PUBLIC WORKS (GENERAL)	976 4510/ 976 3041
JPJ	976 0097
REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT	976 1217
TENAGA NASIONAL	976 0440

**FIRE & RESCUE DEPT**

KANGAR	976 0544
PADANG BESAR	949 0094
ARAU	986 4444
KUALA PERLIS	985 5332

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

CIVIL DEFENCE	976 2510
RELIGIOUS DEPT	979 4400

**POLICE STATIONS**

ARAU	986 1222
PADANG BESAR	949 0824
KANGAR	908 2222
KUALA PERLIS	985 2222

**OTHERS**

KUALA PERLIS FERRY TERMINAL	978 1235
PERLIS TAXI ASSOCIATION	976 5293
PERLIS YOUTH AND	
SPORTS COMPLEX	979 3505
PERLIS STATE LIBRARY	976 4436
PERLIS TOURISM	
ACTION COUNCIL	976 3700
PERLIS MUSEUM	977 1366
KAYANG ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM	977 0027



Tourists cycling under the hot sun along Esplanade in George Town. — Photos: ZHAFARAN NASIB/The Star

# Cloud seeding on the horizon

CM: PBAPP tasked to look into possible solution for hot spell



Fishmongers waiting for customers at the Chowrasta Market. They say some fishes are difficult to catch as they swim deeper due to the heat.



Lee packing ingredients such as chrysanthemum and rose tea used to make drinks to cool down the body.

THE Penang government is mulling cloud seeding as a remedy for the hot weather, said Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow.

He said he would leave it to Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) which is monitoring the situation.

"If necessary, cloud seeding will be done as the most important issue is that water supply to consumers and businesses should not be affected," said Chow at a press conference at Komtar on Wednesday.

On where cloud seeding would be carried out, Chow said he would leave it to PBAPP to work out the details.

Meanwhile, Penang Water Supply Corporation Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said the Ayer Itam Dam's capacity had dropped to 61% from 66.7% recorded on Feb 19.

He said the Teluk Bahang Dam's capacity was 75.6%.

"There were no rains over the last two weeks.

"We would like to advise Penang consumers to use water wisely," he said.

Perlis Health Department has advised the public, especially those with sickness and allergic to heat, to avoid being exposed to hot



The lawn at the Esplanade is dry and scorched by the blazing sun.

weather for fear of suffering from heatstroke.

Its director Dr Sirajuddin Hashim said those working under the hot sun should get more rest, wear thin clothing and hats or caps as well as drink more water to prevent dehydration.

"Those suffering from lung infection, seizures, fever and asthma must be more sensitive and limit their outdoor activities.

"They must seek immediate

treatment if their condition worsen," he told Bernama on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Perlis Meteorological Department director Mohd Saharudi Saad, when contacted, said the Chuping Meteorological Station recorded the highest reading of 36.8 degree Celsius on Feb 8 and Feb 22.

He said the temperature on Tuesday was 36.2 degree Celsius.

In Penang, Lee Yeng Yeng, 54, who runs a traditional Chinese

medical shop, said there would be an influx of customers looking for cooling drinks and medication during hot weather.

"Drinks like chrysanthemum tea, rose tea and herbal tea are popular because they are cooling and help detox the body. It cools down your system.

"I also tell my customers who have just returned indoor not to immediately switch on the air-conditioning as this tends to make you susceptible to falling ill," she said when met at her shop along Kimberly Street.

Penang Chowrasta Bazaar Traders Association chairman Mohamed Nasir Mohideen said with the hot weather, some of the fishes are difficult to catch as they tend to swim deeper.

He said some fishermen would also find the weather unbearable to go to sea.

"When the weather is extremely hot, the price of fishes does go up by 10% to 20%," he said.

Fishmonger Shahjahan Hassan, 58, said the prices of fish were "average" after the festive season hike.

"The prices of fish have come down but with the heat, some types of fish are difficult to find.

"There are lesser fish, but the pricing remains 'average'," he said.