

More hot spots found in Sumatra

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Modis Terra and Aqua satellites have detected a number of hotspots from forest fires across Sumatra, including in Riau Province, an official has said.

“The number of hotspots detected by the satellites yesterday was not the same as what they found earlier,” Agus Wibowo of the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNBP) said as quoted by Antara news agency.

The NOAA 18 satellite on Friday afternoon detected only 12 hotspots on Sumatra, including five in Riau province.

In Riau, the hotspots were detected in Rokan Hilir, Kampar, Pelalawan and Indragiri Hulu regencies.

Meanwhile, the Modis Terra and Aqua satellites detected only eight hotspots in Rokan Hilir regency, Riau.

At least 25,000 hectares of forest and plantations in Riau have been affected by fires since January 2014.

The wild fires produced haze that disrupted flights and affected the health of thousands of people in the region.

The Riau rovincial administration has extended the haze emergency status until Nov. 30, according to Riau Police chief Brig. Gen. Condro Kirono.