

341 hectares of land burned in Riau

Fires have destroyed 341 hectares of forest and land in Riau province during the dry season in June, an official revealed on Thursday.

“So far, extinguishing efforts have been carried out on the burning forests and land. A hundred and seven hectares of burning land have been extinguished, while the rest was still on fire,” said Haze Emergency Task Force head Said Saqlul Amri, as quoted by Antara news agency.

Said disclosed that the largest fires occurred in the Pelintung and Medang Kampai districts of Dumai city, totaling 227 ha, while a fire in Sei Sembilan district, also in Dumai, reached 44 ha. The fires destroyed 65 ha of forest and land in Kubu district, Rokan Hilir regency.

He said the fires also affected forest and land in Bengkalis, Pelalawan, Indragiri Hulu, Indragiri Hilir and Meranti Islands, but said the extent of the damage was not yet known.