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SINGAPORE: The National Environment Agency (NEA) on Monday said it has alerted the Indonesian Ministry of Environment of the haze situation in Singapore.

It has also urged the Indonesian authorities to look into urgent measures to mitigate the transboundary haze occurrence.

In a statement, NEA said it would continue to monitor the situation closely and provide further updates when necessary.

The statement came as the 3-hour Pollutant Standards Index (PSI) reading went beyond the 100 mark, putting the air quality in the unhealthy range.

The index read 110 at 5pm on Thursday.

NEA also advised children, the elderly and those with heart or lung diseases to reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor activities in view of the haze. Others should also limit prolonged or heavy outdoor activities.

The agency said the hazy conditions are expected to persist for the next few days, adding that weather conditions in the region have led to an escalation in hotspot activities mainly over central Sumatra.

Some 100 hotspots were detected over Sumatra on 15 June, with the number increasing to 138 a day later.

The smoke haze from the fires in Sumatra was brought over by prevailing winds blowing from the southwest or west, and has affected Singapore since 13 June.

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