

1. Major fire has broke out in Htein Pin Dump Site of 17 years, Hlain Tharyar township, western part of Yangon, Myanmar, since Saturday, 21 April 2018 until today.
2. Following the incident, ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment (ASEAN-ERAT) Team arrived in Yangon on 28 April 2018, to support Government of Myanmar in assessing the situation, develop fire fighting strategy and recommendation, as well as assessing impact to public health.
3. As of 29 April 2018, small-scale surface fires are still visible but controllable. Smoke is still emitting due to deep-seated fire under the garbage. ASEAN-ERAT in coordination with Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Department of Disaster Management of Myanmar, Chief Minister of Yangon Region, Mayor of Yangon City, Yangon City Development Council (YCDC), Fire Service Department, and Thai experts in Yangon, had developed fire fighting strategies and recommendations.
4. Among the points of recommendations, Fire Service Department of Myanmar had adopted the strategy of dividing the incident area into 4 zones of operations with smaller sub-zones. Carrying out excavation together with continuous and concentrated water pouring to extinguish the deep-seated fires.
5. As of 30 April, fire in Zone A has been extinguished which made around 60% of deep-seated fire pouch has been controlled. Using the same strategy, it is expected that all the fires will be extinguished in the next three days for the remaining zones (1 day per zone).
6. ASEAN-ERAT conducted site visits to public health facilities around the affected area with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.. Based on preliminary data, ailments related to the smoke were within capacity of Government of Myanmar and handled by local clinics and health facilities. ASEAN-ERAT will conduct rapid public health assessment at a later stage.



Fire Service Department of Myanmar doing excavation in Zone A of Htein Pin Dump Site to extinguish the deep-sited fire under the garbage that being piled up for nearly 2 decades.

DATA SOURCES

AHA Centre Disaster Monitoring & Response System (DMRS);
ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Center (ASMC);
Myanmar: 1. Department of Disaster Management, 2. Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, 3. Myanmar Fire Services Department, Sentinel 2A, European Commission, WorldPop; HDX

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