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KUCHING: The haze in the northern part of Sarawak is localised and caused by locals doing indiscriminate burning, said Minister of Environment and Public Health Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh.

“The fires spread because of the nature of the area, particularly the presence of peat soil but are relatively localised in nature,” Wong said after opening the International AIDS Memorial Day at Sarawak Islamic Information Centre yesterday.

“There are isolated hot spots in Kalimantan and our National Resource and Environmental Board is monitoring the situation. Up to now there has been no incidence that needs extensive attention,” he said.

The haze is more serious in the peninsula due to the large number of hot spots in Sumatra and winds blowing it over, he added.