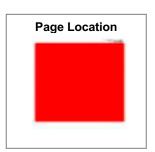


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ATASTROPHIC multi-year mega-droughts accompanied by intense wildfires are hitting every continent except/Antarctica. In Malaysia, last year's unprecedented series of floods may have bulled the public into thinking that we are being spared the effects of global warming. However, the Malaysian Meteorological Department has already warmed us to brace for sweltering weather just a month or two away.

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In fact, 2024 laid a milestone as the world experienced the first full year in which global temperatures exceeded 1.5°C above pre-industrial times. On luly 21 and 22, 2024, the Earth went through its two hottest days ever since global temperature records began in 1940.

"We are living in a dangerous new era," says climate scientus Friederic Not, who leads the World Weather Attribution network.

Record-breaking temperature records began in 1940.

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Today, we bring you Part Two of our heart-litting series on the global ecological crisis. We

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Earth's average surface temperature in 2024 was the warmest on record, topping the record set in 2023. The new record comes after 15 consecutive month of monthly temperature records. – ADIB RAWI YAHYA/THESUN

cades, make no noise, emit no fumes, use no resources and cost almost nothing to generate power.

The total worldwide installed solar energy capacity in 2013 reached 1.6 million gigawatts (GW) accounting for 5.5% of the world's electricity production. Malaysia's total was 1.93 GW (1,933 megawatts). This contributed to 3% of the total nationwide power generation. Malaysia's solar power generation. Malaysia's solar power generation is negligible. Why is it see?

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However, last month in a cutting-edge renewable energy distinction Ministry introduced the Community Renewable Energy Aggregation Mechanism.

The new scheme allows homeowners to lease or rent their rooftop space to third parties who can then aggregate multiple rooftops to develop a PV power generation systems. The gene electricity generated will then be distributed to local consumers through the existing utility company's distribution networks. The implementation guidelines are being finalised.

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Worshippers of every religion will then get to see climate action at work every time they see climate action at work every time they congregate. Rooftop solar panels are also a visible sign of unified religious action to save the

environment.

In Part Three, we shall discuss another green development that may earn Malaysia a plus point. However, also bear in mind that there are still other factors that incur minuses.

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