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PORT KLANG, March 10 (Bernama) -- Water supply is likely to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government to ensure that all states in the country have adequate water, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

However a number of state governments appeared to be not very keen with the idea, he told reporters after witnessing the boat show here.

+Water supply at present comes under the ambit of the state governments. Some states have a lot of water but have small populations while others have big populations but little water supply.+

He said as far as the Federal Government was concerned investment in water supply was investment for national development and this would be given priority over others.

+We should therefore be patient over other things so as to get adequate water supply,+ he added. -- more

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The Government was unlikely to build desalination plants as these were very expensive, he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said there were no reports that foreign investment in Malaysia had been affected because of shortage of water because the country still had adequate water supply.

He also said that he had received a report on Melaka's water woes from Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik and this would be discussed at Wednesday's Cabinet meeting.

Earlier on arrival at the Royal Selangor Yacht Club, the Prime Minister was received by the Raja Muda of Selangor Tengku Idris Shah, Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib and the club's Komodor Encik Johan Ariff.

The Prime Minister also flagged off a children's boat race here. --
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