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Committee to look into non-payment of water bills

KOTA KINABALU, Tues. - The Ministry of Communication and Works has formed an action committee to deal with outstanding water bills and other problems related to water supply in the State.

Minister Datuk Yahya Hussein said the State Government had incurred massive losses in revenue as a result of the outstanding water bills.

"There are people who have not paid their bills and this has caused lots of revenue (loss) to the State Government."

Yahya, however, did not reveal the total sum involved.

"I have directed the committee to give me monthly reports on the water situation in the State."

Yahya was speaking to reporters at his office at the PWD building in Sembulan.

He said the committee would conduct regular checks on water thefts and broken pipes.

"One of the committee's tasks will be to determine those who make illegal pipe extensions."

He said his ministry was also waiting for a new computerised system that would help overcome problems related to billing.

Commenting on the Umno general assembly from Thursday to Sunday in Kuala Lumpur, Yahya said Sabah Umno would also send its delegates.

"Most of the topics will be on education, religion and the economy.

"The economy may be a topic of discussion because of the current exchange rate problem."

He said the topics would, however, depend on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's opening address on Friday.

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