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Anwar to chair meeting on water problem

BUKIT MERTAJAM, Sat. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will chair a top-level meeting on Monday to seek solutions to the water shortage, especially in the Klang Valley.

Heads or representatives of various departments and agencies involved in water supply will attend the meeting at Kuala Lumpur City Hall at 11am.

City Hall, the Economic Planning Unit in the Prime Minister's Department, the waterworks section of the Public Works Department, Punchak Niaga Bhd, Indah Water Konsortium and the Selangor Water Department are among those expected to attend.

Anwar was speaking to reporters after opening the Permatang Pauh Umno division at the Tuanku Bainun teachers training college.

The committee, announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Friday in Jitra, will look into ways to seek effective solutions to the problem in the Klang Valley.

Anwar will also be briefed on the problem in the other States, including Penang and Malacca.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu had said on Thursday that the water shortage would turn critical if there was no rain over the next three weeks in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Penang.

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