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Dr M on measures to counter water problems

JITRA, Fri. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government will announce measures to overcome the current water shortage which is badly affecting consumers in several States.

Acknowledging that there was a water crisis in these States, the Prime Minister said his deputy, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, would be chairing a meeting soon to look into the situation and chart out measures to overcome it.

Speaking to reporters after opening the Kubang Pasu Umno divisional meeting, Dr Mahathir said as a short-term measure, consumers should strive to reduce wastage.

As for long-term plans, the Prime Minister said the Government would undertake several measures.

However, he said these long-term measures would take time to put in place.

"The only effective measure now is for the consumers not to waste water," he said, adding that the water woes were caused by the present drought season.

At present, water shortages are affecting consumers in the Federal Territory, Selangor, Penang and Malacca.

The respective water authorities have been taking measures to alleviate the situation including distributing water to affected areas.

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