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MBS, CMs to work with National Water Council

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers Council which met today has agreed to work closely with the National Water Council to resolve the water supply problem affecting some parts of the country.

Council chairman and Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad said all Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers wanted to see the problem resolved quickly.

"We want to make sure the current water problem will not recur," he told reporters after chairing the council meeting at Menara Promet today.

Several parts of the country, particularly the Klang Valley, have been facing a water shortage which led the Selangor Waterworks Department to carry out rationing.

Wan Mokhtar said the details and function of the NWC would only be known during the inaugural meeting to be chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad next month.

Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu was quoted as saying yesterday that the focus of the meeting would be on the acute water shortage in the Klang Valley and the relevant projects and plans to solve the problem.

Said Wan Mokhtar: "As water is under State jurisdiction, we will provide this information to the NWC and put an end to the need to look for new water sources each time there is a shortage."

The Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers, Wan Mokhtar said, also agreed to contribute RM500,000 to assist the National Unity and Social Development Ministry build a training centre for non-governmental organisations registered with it.

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