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SELANGOR SS MEETING PAHANG COLLEAGUE OVER WATER WOES

SHAH ALAM, April 15 (Bernama) -- Selangor State Secretary Datuk Hashim Meon will meet his Pahang counterpart, Datuk Abdul Ghani Sulaiman, in Kuantan tomorrow, to discuss Pahang's water pledge to drought-stricken Selangor and the Federal Territory.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said among the matters to be discussed was the joint efforts to channel water from Pahang to the state soonest possible.

Hashim, who chairs the state water crisis committee, would also muster all the support he would get from various parties concerned to ensure that there would be sufficient water for consumers here.

"We are now forced to seek help from neighbours," he told reporters after today's State Legislative Assembly meeting here.

He said the water rationing to be carried out in six areas in the Klang Valley on Monday would not affect the new Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang, as it would get supply priority.

A huge tank would also be set up there so that it would have sufficient water to meet the long-term needs without any supply disruption on its daily business.

Abu Hassan said almost 99 per cent of the additional RM10 million for the water supply improvement work would be spent on renting tankers to back up water rationing.

Commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's remark yesterday chiding certain state governments for regarding the formation of the National Water Council as a non-urgent issue, Abu Hassan said this was because every state was able to produce and supply enough water on its own over the last 20 years.

It would be better under the present situation to set up a central coordination body for proper water management, he added. -- BERNAMA

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