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SELANGOR TO INSTALL MORE ULTRASOURCE UNITS AT LAKES

KUALA SELANGOR, April 8 (Bernama) -- The Selangor Government is studying the possibility of installing Ultrasource units in other lakes in the state in efforts to tackle the acute water shortage in the Klang Valley.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said the special committee set up to tackle the water woes had been asked to identify other lakes from where water could be pumped using the ultrasource units.

"I will visit the Mines Resort City Lake tomorrow to see how the Ultrasource units installed there function," he told reporters after receiving 11 cows at Kampung Kuantan Mosque here today.

The cows were donated by the Mara Junior Science College Ex-Students' Association. Its chairman Mukhriz Mahathir handed Abu Hassan the cows which will be slaughtered and the sacrificial beef distributed to some 800 kampung folks.

The portable ultrasource units can produce 120,000 litres of filtered water per hour, according to Transwater Corporation Bhd, the company using the French technology to produce water from the Mines Resort City Lake.

Abu Hassan also said he had instructed the committee to source for more water tankers to increase the present fleet of 142 to supply water to critical areas.

He said Puncak Niaga Sdn Bhd, the concessionaire for water treatment plants in Klang Valley, had started cloud-seeding to induce rain at water catchment areas.

Asked to comment on calls by consumers and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to revamp the Selangor Water Works Department due to its inefficiency in handling the water crisis, Abu Hassan said this was not the time to point fingers at the authorities as it might worsen the situation.

He urged consumers and NGOs to stop blaming the authorities but instead propose constructive ideas to overcome the problem.

"The officers and workers are carrying out their duties as instructed and trying their level best to ensure consumers get water supply. Pointing fingers will only make matters worse," he said.

Angry consumers, frustrated by the department's silence and slow response, want it to be revamped and its senior officials held responsible for the poor handling of the crisis.

The Federation of Malaysian Consumer Associations (Fomca) felt that the officers should take responsibility and resign from their posts.

On the offer by Perak and Pahang state governments to provide untreated water to Selangor to ease the situation, Abu Hassan said he would discuss the matter with the states soon. -- BERNAMA

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