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WATER SPRAYING FROM TALL BUILDINGS TO CLEAR SMOKE PARTICLES

KUALA LUMPUR, April 30 (Bernama) -- Water will be sprayed from tall buildings such as the 88-storey Petronas Twin Towers to clear the air of trapped smoke particles during the present dry weather conditions, Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Heing Ding said today.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad himself issued the directive yesterday during the Cabinet meeting," he told reporters after presenting the National Parks and Wildlife Department with satellite transmitter collars donated by Boh Plantations Sdn Bhd. The collars to be worn by elephants and other animals will help trace their movements in the jungle.

Law said a special committee under his ministry's Deputy Secretary-General had been set up to come up with the best method of spraying water from tall buildings.

"The committee includes scientists from the ministry, local universities as well as experts from other agencies such as the Fire and Rescue Department," he said.

Asked whether the current low water pressure in the Klang Valley would affect the water spraying proposal from tall buildings, Law said the committee would also study the possibility of spraying chemical liquid as an alternative to water.

"I understand that special chemical liquid can also be sprayed but this will not pose any danger to health," he said.

Law also said air purifiers would be installed at the Puduraya Bus and Taxi Terminus here to reduce air pollution at the place.

The purifiers were made by local companies at a cost of RM50,000 each.

Pollution at Puduraya is made worse by buses whose diesel engines keep on running even when they are stationary.

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