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UMNO LAWYERS READY TO ASSIST IN KELANTAN WATER ISSUE

KOTA BAHARU, March 25 (Bernama) -- Umno's panel of lawyers are ready to assist those unhappy with the PAS-led state government's handling of water woes in Kelantan to take legal action.

Chairman of the panel Senator Datuk Paduka Ibrahim Ali said legal action would be a better recourse than to hold demonstrations.

"The people can sue the state government for the problems they have to bear all this while and there are legal provisions to protect the rights of consumers," he said here today.

Ibrahim, a Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, said this following a demonstration by about 200 people here on Monday, pressing the state government to overcome water supply problems in Kelantan.

Problems concerning water quality and low pressure arose since a concession on the privatisation of water supply in Kelantan was signed between the state government and Kelantan Water Sdn Bhd in 1995.

Ibrahim also said about 50,000 people are expected to attend a meet the people session by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his two-day visit to the state on April 23 and 24.

The meet the people session will be held at the Sekolah Menengah Tengku Panglima Raja in Pasir Mas.

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