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WATER PROBLEM IN BENTONG WILL BE RESOLVED - MB

KUANTAN, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Adnan Yaakob today assured Bentong residents that their water supply problem will be resolved when the burst Perting dam is repaired within a month.

"We hope the residents of Bentong will be patient," he told reporters after chairing the weeking State Executive Council meeting.

Responding to reports that the DAP planned to organise a demonstration in the town to highlight the problem, he said: "There's no need for the DAP to hold any demonstration...whether they demonstrate or not, the repair process will go on, that's the government's responsibility."

The dam, built during British rule, had burst causing debris to settle and block the intake point of the phase two water plant.

As a result, the plant had not been able to meet its supply level of 2.5 million gallons of water a day.

Adnan said steps taken by the Drainage and Irrigation Department to clear the debris had not been effective, and it was thus forced to repair the dam.

The Pahang Waterworks Department, on its part, was producing a new intake point for the phase two plant using the existing water pump.

Meanwhile, Adnan welcomed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for Barisan Nasional elected representatives not fielded again in the coming election to come forward to help the new BN candidates.

He said those not chosen again should not be disappointed but instead work in the interest of the party.

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