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Shahidan: Kedah yet to make payment

KANGAR, Sun. - Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim today said Kedah had not paid the Perlis Government for constructing a water treatment plant on its land at Sungai Baru in Simpang Empat.

"We have the right to charge them but we have not done so despite the plant being built on our land.

"We will not charge any rent for leasing that piece of land to Kedah for the sake of maintaining the neighbourhood spirit between us," he said after opening the state-level National Youth Day celebrations at the National Youth Skills Development Institute in Kuala Perlis here today.

Shahidan was responding to suggestions reportedly made by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Kedah should be charging Penang for using raw water from Sungai Muda.

Perlis, which also uses water flowing from the Muda Agriculture Development Authority, was also not spared.

It is, however, learnt that discussions on the matter between the States began five years ago.

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