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We just want a reasonable solution

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THE water spat with Singapore has surfaced again. This time, it is hoped that there will be some mutually acceptable solution, preferably before Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad retires. Malaysia has responded to Singapore's widely publicised charges of bullying with newspaper advertisements which give the facts of the case. Anyone can see Singapore's payment of three sen per 1,000 gallons is ridiculous.

The cheapest and cleanest Singapore substitute is NeWater (recycled sewage), which costs RM7.50 per 1,000 gallons.

But what is most attractive about Malaysia's latest advertisement (NST, July 20), is that Malaysia is not asking for this high price - only for a fair price.

Furthermore, the Malaysian Government has clearly asked: Why don't we put the quarrelling behind and settle the dispute? I'm sure all reasonable Malaysians and Singaporeans will be relieved and hope both Governments will agree to a fair price.

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