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Appropriate action to follow Government's move, says NEAC

PASIR MAS, Sat. - Appropriate action will be taken to implement the Government's decision on issues involving Malaysia with Singapore, National Economic Action Council (Neac) executive director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said today.

"The Government has made known its stand (on the issues)."

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Kuala Lumpur would refer the water issue to arbitration instead of engaging in further talks or negotiations with Singapore.

Dr Mahathir said the period of talking was now over.

Malaysia will also not involve Singapore in the construction of the RM1 billion land and rail bridge that will replace the Causeway.

On the Water: The Singapore-Malaysia Dispute - The Facts booklet which first hit the streets in the Klang Valley on July 21, Mustapa said it was being distributed throughout the country.

"We have sent the booklet to Menteris Besar, Chief Ministers and State Secretaries to be distributed to government officers," he said after attending a gathering with silat exponents.

He said Neac would make sure that the public would have access to the book so that they would know the facts about the water issue.

"If it is not enough, Neac will print additional copies," he said.