

**Pakatan Politicizing Water Issues**  
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I urge the Pakatan Selangor government to put the people's interest first and foremost and to find an immediate solution to the increasingly serious water supply shortage in their state.

The Pakatan state government of Selangor has obviously placed their own interest over the public by politicizing the fresh water supply and refusing to continue negotiations with the federal government on overcoming the water shortage problem.

On Monday, Selangor's water supply company, SYABAS, had requested permission from the National Water Services Commission to conduct water rationing in Kuala Lumpur, Hulu Langat and Klang. Although this will definitely affect many businesses and the public's daily lives, nevertheless the state government continues to be unconcerned, ignoring the plight of the people who are troubled by the water shortage problem.

SYABAS chief executive officer Ruslan Hassan was quoted yesterday as saying that the Selangor and Kuala Lumpur region was facing a water crisis with reserve being down to an average of 2%, which is way below the safety margin of 20%.

Water supply shortage already felt

While the Selangor state government continues to insist that Selangor's dams are at maximum capacity and question the building of the Langat 2 water reservoir, they should then answer why do certain places in Petaling, Kuala Lumpur, Hulu Langat and Sepang face water shortage problems?

The state government has also yet to clarify why they think Selangor will not face water shortages, therefore how can they expect us to trust their data given to us?

2012 water crisis maybe worse than 1998

Recently, SYABAS had warned that 134 areas will face water cuts this week, of which 86 are located in Shah Alam, Klang and Hulu Langat. Moreover, the Water Association of Selangor and Putrajaya (Swan) had also warned that the current water problem in Klang Valley would be worse than the water crisis of 1998.

The water management should place the public's interest first, but the Selangor state government continues to ignore the problems faced by the people and try to evade the problem by blaming others. Thus, how can the rakyat be expected to continue their daily lives under the governance of Pakatan?