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Najib to meet Ongkili over water issue

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak is expected to meet Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili to discuss on the major water restructuring deal between Putrajaya and Selangor state government.

Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali said he had conveyed his concern to Najib at the sidelines of the Rulers' Conference yesterday.

"I had asked the PM to inform the

ministry that we need to find an immediate solution to this issue, and Najib has given assurance that he will discuss with Ongkili about this," he told reporters in Parliament after the Pakatan Rakyat leaders council meeting here. Azmin also expressed hope that both the state government and the ministry would be able to meet and discuss the issue next week.

"I had told Najib that the (federal government) must hold on to the spirit and understanding we had in the master agreement, and not depart from it. If you keep changing the goal post, hard to decide."

He also expressed that any legal action taken should be only made as a last resort.

On Tuesday, Azmin said he was willing to discuss the leasing of state land to Putrajaya as part of the controversial water agreement, but stressed that the deal had not been expressly stated that state land would be part of the assets to be given to Putrajaya as part of the water restructuring exercise. A day before that, Selangor revoked the agreement with federal government, as the latter had allegedly failed to comply with pre-conditions set out by the state government.