

**Kelantan Residents Urged To Punish PAS Government For Dirty Water**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 23 (Bernama) -- The people of Kelantan are urged to punish the PAS leadership for their shortcomings in providing clean water supply throughout their 20 years of rule in the state.

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said water is a basic need in each person's life but many have yet to enjoy it in Kelantan.

"Water is a basic issue. They were given more than 20 years to lead the state. If they can't solve a basic issue, I think residents should be more wise in deciding who can provide their needs.

"Syarikat Air Kelantan Sdn Bhd (AKSB) needs to find a way to channel clean water to its residents, and if they fail to do so I hope the Kelantan people replace the existing government with one that can give them clean water," he told reporters at his office, here Wednesday.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also Defence Minister, said this when asked to comment on reports in a Malay language daily on the water quality in Kelantan which is said to contain heavy metals and dangerous bacteria.

A front-page report today highlighted that 96 per cent of children in Kelantan aged below six years experienced tooth decay and cavities due to insufficient fluoride content in the water supplied.

The report also quoted that according to the State Health Department, the percentage was much higher than the national average of 74.5 per cent.

He hoped the state government would not blame the central government for their failure to provide clean water to its residents.

"A healthy mind comes from a healthy body, and one way to obtain this is through water which is a vital nutrient for our body.

"Therefore, reject bad food the same way we would reject people who cannot provide us decent water," he added.

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