

Selangor Government To Take Over Syabas Management
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 16 (Bernama) -- The Selangor government has decided to take over the management of Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor (Syabas) within 14 days after it was claimed that it was incapable of providing satisfactory water supply to consumers.

Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim said the decision was made under the power provided in Clause 32 of the concession agreement.

However, the state government would send a letter seeking approval from the federal government and the National Water Services Commission (SPAN), he told reporters here Monday.

Last Saturday, Syabas chief executive officer (CEO) Datuk Ruslan Hassan confirmed that the water supply crisis had already occurred in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya as the treated water production capacity from the Water Treatment Plant could not meet the demand for water lately.

"The spike in demand caused water levels to dip sharply at several main reservoirs because existing clean water reserves are less than three percent. The ensuing low water pressure disrupted supply to some areas such as Petaling, Klang, Kuala Lumpur and Hulu Langat involving 209,678 accounts, affecting about half a million residents," he explained.

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