

Selangor Government Prepares Document And Team To Intervene In Syabas
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SHAH ALAM, July 25 (Bernama) -- The Selangor government has prepared the necessary documents to intervene in the management of Syarikat Bekalan Air Sdn Bhd (SYABAS) to improve on what is claimed to be weaknesses in the management of the company supplying treated water in the Klang Valley, said Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

Besides the documents to intervene in the management of SYABAS, a team representing the state government for this purpose had also been prepared to join SYABAS at any time, he said in a media conference after chairing the State Exco meeting Wednesday.

Abdul Khalid also said that the report by the Water Monitoring Committee, which monitored the operations of SYABAS since July 18, found that SYABAS had failed to discharge its responsibilities to provide sufficient treated water to the consumers as agreed in the Water Privatisation Agreement 2004.

The Water Monitoring Committee is chaired by the State Secretary, Datuk Muhammad Khusrin Munawi with members comprising officers from the State Economic Planning Unit, Konsortium ABBAS and former staff of the Selangor Water Management Corporation (PUAS).

Abdul Khalid said that the first report of the committee, which he received today, found that the total production capacity of all 34 water treatment plants in Selangor was 4,807 million liters per day (JLH) compared with the SYABAS distribution capacity of 4,371 million liters per day, whereby there was a surplus of 436 JLH.

He also said that the state government had decided that the power to approve any application relating to the implementation of the Langat 2 Project must be given directly to the state authorities.

Abdul Khalid said members of the public could complain on water problems by calling 1-800-88-2824 which was also the same line for complaints on garbage.

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