

**State Government Should Stop Giving Excuses Over Logging In Gunung Inas –  
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ALOR SETAR, July 25 (Bernama) -- The Department of Environment's (DOE) move of asking the Kedah government to stop logging activities in Gunung Inas has been described as apt as the area is a water catchment area.

State Umno liaison chief, Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah said the state government should accept and respect the decision, and there was no need to give excuses on the effects of the logging activities.

"They (state government) should heed to the DOE's request and wait for the environment report to be completed as it involves a large area (more than eight hectares," he said after attending a breaking-of-fast with Alor Setar community leaders, here, last night.

Ahmad Bashah said although the state government was hiding behind the "ladang rakyat" (people's plantation) claim, the logging activities involved a large area and causing pollution to water sources in the whole of Sik and Baling districts.

"If Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak said that he wanted to get rid of the old trees only, it is ridiculous because to create a 'ladang rakyat', you have to fell all the trees.

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