

**Khalid Fears Water Issue May Make People Reject PKR Gov't – Sohaimi
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HULU LANGAT (Selangor), Aug 2 (Bernama) -- The PKR-led Selangor government is turning the state's water issue political for fear that the people may realise that Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has failed to tackle the issue over the past three years, said Gabungan Prihatin Rakyat Selangor (GPRS) chairman Datuk Sohaimi Shahadan.

He said that while the problem was getting critical, resulting in southern Selangor having to suffer water supply disruption, the state government accused the Barisan Nasional (BN) federal government of colluding with Puncak Niaga Sdn Bhd and Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Syabas).

"I see that if the water issue is not handled well, the people will realise what is happening, and Khalid is fearful that the people will protest. As such, the state government is shifting the blame to other parties," he told reporters after visiting the Sungai Langat water treatment plant at the 10th mile, Hulu Langat, with local leaders in southern Selangor.

During the visit, the community leaders and the media saw for themselves that the plant had sufficient water but could not supply to the people because the Selangor government did not want to provide the necessary additional infrastructure as it did not agree with the terms of the concession agreement and the water tariff status.

"I asked the local people to come here to understand the water issue, and it has been proven that the Sungai Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant approved by the federal government is most essential for the long term to overcome the existing low water pressure," he said.

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