

**Signing Of Water Agreement Can Resolve Water Issue In Selangor - Muhyiddin  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 1 (Bernama) - The signing of the 'Heads of Agreement' on the restructuring of the water industry in Selangor can resolve the water supply issue which lasted since 2008.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the agreement can improve the management of water supply and implement the construction of Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant (LRAL2) project.

"Now, all the barriers to the construction of LRAL2 project planned by the federal government since 1998 to guarantee long term water supply for three zones (Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya) have been removed," he said in a statement on the signing, here Friday.

The federal government was represented by Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili while the Selangor government was represented by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

The agreement is an extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by both parties on Feb 26, related to the construction of LRAL2 and the water distribution system.

Muhyiddin said it proved the existence of collaboration between the federal government and the Selangor government.

It also proved that the federal government and the Selangor government were concerned for the the people's welfare and it surpassed political interests.

"As a result, the project which was delayed for over three years is now scheduled for completion in mid-2017 to provide another 1,130 million litres of treated water under the first phase.

"It will be able to accommodate the demand for water in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya at all times, including during hot and dry weather."

Muhyiddin said the second phase of LRAL2 project will follow later to accommodate increased water demand after 2025.

He expressed gratitude to the Selangor government under the leadership of Abdul Khalid who was committed during negotiations until the agreement signing.

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