

**Stop water rationing, Anwar tells Selangor
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As the water level in dams in Selangor continue to rise, PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (pic) has urged the state government to stop water rationing in the Klang Valley.

He said from April 23 up till today, the water level in the Sungai Selangor Dam has gone up from 38.97% (89.63 million cubic metres) to 40.23% (92.53 million cubic metres).

Although the level has not hit 42%, Anwar said the state government should stop rationing water for now, taking into account the high water levels in other dams.

"I also urge the people to use water wisely, reduce water usage for purposes like washing cars, and report incidents of broken pipes as soon as possible so that we can control the water wastage.

"This will give the government and responsible parties the opportunity to review the projection based on a lower water consumption rate to avoid any prolonged water rationing in the future," Anwar said in a statement today.

The state government announced yesterday that water rationing in Selangor would continue despite an improvement in water levels at dams.

Selangor Youth, Sports, Infrastructure and Public Amenities exco member Dr Ahmad Yunus Hairi said the water levels in six of the seven dams in the state had increased since April 22.

However, there were no plans yet to end the water rationing exercise, he said, as several issues need to be examined.

Yunus said Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim would meet the Selangor water committee soon to discuss the issues, which include water levels in the dams, the contents of the water flow and total capacity.

Between April 22 and 28, the water level at the Batu dam was 79.6%, Klang Gates 58.49%, Langat 53.82%, Semenyih 75.68%, Sungai Tinggi 62.6% and Tasik Subang 86.77%.

Only Sungai Selangor had the lowest water level of 40.08%.

Yunus also reportedly said that there is a possibility that several decisions may be reached in the next few days, including stopping the rationing in stages.

Previously, the Selangor government had said that the water rationing exercise would be stopped if the water levels in the dam was at least 55%. – April 29, 2014.

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