

**Kelantan State Govt To Build 12 Radius Wells - Hanifa  
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KOTA BAHARU, March 4 (Bernama) -- A total of 12 radius wells will be built in several districts in Kelantan to extract underground water during the dry season this year.

State Works, Infrastructure, Utility and Information Technology Committee chairman Datuk Hanifa Ahmad said a radius well could supply up to 1 million litres of water per day and would be able to accommodate the needs of residents in the surrounding areas.

"Among the districts which have the radius wells are Kuala Krai, Bachok and Pasir Mas.

"The state government also plans to increase construction of the radius wells in several other areas in stages because the cost to build the well is up to RM1 million," he told reporters after attending the state exco meeting here Wednesday.

Kelantan used 40 percent of the underground water resources as an alternative for supplying raw water to consumers, Hanifa said.

The Malaysian Meteorological Department recently said the country was now experiencing hot and dry weather, a phenomenon of the final phase of the monsoon, known as the Equinox phenomenon and was expected to occur until the end of March.

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