

Enough Water Supply From Perak Dams Up To Six Months Despite Drought
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IPOH, March 5 (Bernama) -- The dams in Perak are able to supply enough water for the whole state for three to six months despite the hot and dry weather.

State Public Amenities, Infrastructure, Energy and Water Committee chairman, Datuk Zainol Fadzi Paharudin said based on the report received from Perak Water Board (LAP) general manager Datuk Ir Mohd Yusof Mohd Isa, there were no drastic drop or worrying water levels in the dams.

"Currently, the water levels in the Air Kuning Dam and Sultan Azlan Shah Dam are at the maximum and the rivers still provide enough water supply to consumers.

"Besides that, there's still rain over the catchment areas. The situation is better than last year's and water supply in Perak is expected to be under control," he said when contacted, here, today.

Last year, the state had to carry out water rationing in Taiping for about two weeks after a long drought which caused reduced water supply from the Taiping Headworks water treatment plant.

He said the rationing was carried out also because of the low water level recorded in the Air Kuning Dam.

However, he said, the problem could be overcome because Taiping and Kamunting had additional water supply now after the Semanggol water treatment plant was completed at the end of last year.

Zainol Fadzi said the Sultan Azlan Shah Dam, with a bigger capacity, could supply enough water to the Hulu Kinta and surrounding areas for six months even without rain.

"The dam supplies the biggest volume of water in the state, and it can serve some 800,000 consumer accounts, but only 70 per cent are used up," he said.

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