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2 kertas siasatan terhadap kilang punca pencemaran

Kuala Selangor: Dua kertas siasatan dibuka terhadap kilang yang dipercayai punca kejadian pencemaran bau di Sungai Gong, Rawang minggu lalu, hingga menyebabkan empat Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) dihenti tugas.

Menteri Alam Sekitar dan Air, Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man, berkata kertas siasatan itu masing-masing dibuka Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) dan Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN).

"Kertas siasatan kini di peringkat akhir mengikut Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 dan Akta Industri Perkhidmatan Air 2006 dan dijangka siap selewat-lewatnya Jumaat ini," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas melawat LRA Sungai Selangor Fasa 1 dan sesi bersama petugas pelbagai agensi berkaitan yang terbabit sepanjang penguatkuasaan dan pemulihan bekalan air di sini, semalam.

Tuan Ibrahim berkata, kerajaan bercadang memperluaskan Projek Takungan Air Pinggiran



Loji rawatan Air Sungai Selangor Fasa 1 yang pulih 91 peratus.

(Foto Shahimi Imran /BH)

Sungai (TAPS) sebagai alternatif sumber air mentah, jika berlaku gangguan pada saluran utama sungai.

TAPS adalah kaedah penyimpanan air mentah dengan mewujudkan kolam di hilir dan pinggir

sungai serta berhampiran loji dengan ia kini diguna pakai di Negeri Sembilan, Melaka dan Selangor.

Beliau berkata, TAPS antara lain mampu membantu mengawal banjir dan pelaksanaannya tidak me-

merlukan kos besar; selain mampu menjana ekonomi setempat.

"Selain itu, pembabitan masyarakat melalui Rakan Alam Sekitar dan Projek 10,000 kilometer (km) melalui Program Denai Sungai Kebangsaan (DSK) adalah antara

inisiatif Kementerian untuk melastarikan sungai.

"Dengan ada denai atau laluan di sepanjang sungai ini, individu, masyarakat dan pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) boleh memantau dan melaporkan sendiri kepada pihak berkuasa secara terus mengenai aktiviti pencemaran di sumber.

"Kita juga bercadang menempatkan lima stesen pemantauan di 20 sungai utama bagi memantau kualiti air secara masa sebenar yang akan memberi amaran awal dan mempercepat tindakan penguatkuasaan, jika mengesan sebarang pencemaran di sungai terbabit," katanya.

Ditanya kesediaan pihaknya memberi kuasa penguatkuasaan kepada Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT), beliau menjelaskan setiap Kementerian mempunyai bidang kuasa tersendiri.

"KPKT ada akta tersendiri yang boleh mengawasi, khususnya pembinaan bangunan dan sebagainya," katanya.



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Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah menzahirkan rasa dukacita kes pencemaran Sungai Gong, Rawang yang menjejaskan kehidupan kira-kira 5 juta penduduk Lembah Klang. Baginda menyifatkan perbuatan itu tidak bertanggungjawab dan mahu mereka yang terlibat dikenakan tindakan tegas dan hukuman berat.

Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air, PDRM, ATM tubuh Unit Jenayah Alam Sekitar banteras pencemaran sungai.

Bengkel cemar sungai beroperasi secara haram sejak 2014 *Maka 3, 4, 5, 6*

Pencemaran 4 sungai di Selangor

Seri Paduka dukacita, mahu tindakan tegas

Hukuman lebih berat sebagai pengajaran

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Kuala Lumpur: Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, menzahirkan rasa dukacita dengan kes pencemaran Sungai Gong, Rawang sehingga menjejaskan 5 juta penduduk Lembah Klang yang mengalami gangguan bekalan air tidak berjangka.

Al-Sultan Abdullah menyifatkan pencemaran Sungai Gong sebagai satu perbuatan yang tidak bertanggungjawab kerana ia adalah kes pencemaran berulang dan membahayakan serta memudaratkan jatan rakyat di Kuala Lumpur dan Selangor.

Seri Paduka Baginda bertitik berminat diwaras daripada perbuatan tidak bertanggungjawab itu bukan sahaja kepada kehidupan seharian, tetapi juga sosioekonomi rakyat kerana banyak permiauan terpaksa ditutup.

Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah

ngkuti perkembangan sejak hari pertama gangguan bekalan air tidak berjangka ini amat peribatin terhadap keajaiban dunia dan bukan rakyat mengaharungi situasi itu.

Seri Paduka Baginda menzahirkan rasa simpati kepada rakyat yang terpaksa beristirahat malam kerana dan berjangka lumus mengambil air setiap kali bangun kebilah berhadapan kata Datuk Pengusaha Binaan Diraja Istana Negara, Datuk Ahmad Fadi Shamsuddin dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

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mikian ketika menerima mesyuarat Menteri Alam Sekitar dan Air, Menteri Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man di Istana Negara.

Media sebelum ini melaporkan pihak berkuasa mengenai pucuk sebuah premis sebagai punca pencemaran sehingga menyebabkan empat Lori Kawatan Air (LKA) di Sungai Selangor dihenti tugas.

Gangguan tersebut berlaku kerana air yang tidak berjangka itu bukan yang pertama dihadapi oleh rakyat di Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur.

Situasi ini diulangi penduduk Lembah Klang sebelum pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKPP) pada awal tahun.

Selain tindakan tegas, Al-Sultan Abdullah meminta pihak berkuasa khususnya Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air memusatkan perhatian penapisan dan pengurusan air.

Al-Sultan Abdullah turut menzahirkan sokongan kepada tindakan kerajaan negeri Selangor yang mengagihkan kepada pemilikan yang menjadi punca pencemaran air serta berhadapan struktur bangunan kerana taruh perenditan yang dibenarkan sebagai jermis penyeterajuan

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Pencemaran 4 sungai di Selangor

Kilang tak pernah mohon lesen sejak 2014

Pihak pengurusan tidak endah notis diberi MPS

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Rawang: Bengkel penyelenggaraan jentera yang dikesan mencemari Sungai Gong, di sini, didapati beroperasi tanpa lesen atau kebenaran Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) sejak 2014.

Berdasarkan data MPS, pengurusan kilang berkenaan tidak pernah membuat apa-apa permohonan lesen sejak tempoh itu. Pengarah Jabatan Korporat MPS, Mohamad Zin Masood, berkata MPS sudah dua kali menyarankan kepada pengurusan kilang terbabit supaya membuat permohonan lesen sejak enam tahun lalu.

"Selain beroperasi tanpa kebenaran, kilang yang dipercayai menjalankan pelbagai aktiviti perniagaan lain ini turut membina struktur bangunan dalam premis tanpa kebenaran bertulis MPS.

"Pemilik atau pengurusan kilang ini langsung tidak menghantar permohonan untuk menjalankan perniagaan," katanya selepas menampal notis MPS di hadapan kilang berke-

naan, semalam. Tindakan menampal notis itu adalah mengikut Seksyen 70 (1) Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974, iaitu membina bangunan tanpa kebenaran MPS.

Mohamad Zin berkata, pemilik kilang diberi tempoh tiga hari bagi menjawab semula notis berkenaan jika mempunyai kebenaran beroperasi.

"Selepas tempoh berakhir, pihak MPS akan merobohkan struktur bangunan didirikan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, MPS pernah memberikan notis kepada pengurusan kilang sama pada Mac lalu selepas dikesan beroperasi dan menjalankan perniagaan tanpa kebenaran serta mendirikan bangunan tanpa kebenaran, namun tidak dipedulikan.

Katanya, kesalahan berkaitan pencemaran yang dikaitkan dengan pengurusan kilang berkenaan adalah di bawah tanggungjawab Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS).

Sementara itu, katanya, MPS akan memanggil 308 pengusaha kilang yang beroperasi secara haram Jumaat ini, bagi tujuan pemutihan.

"Setakat ini, 50 daripada 308 pengusaha kilang terbabit sudah memohon lesen perniagaan manakala 258 yang lain belum berbuat demikian.

"Mereka akan dipanggil supaya memohon kebenaran menjalan-



Mohamad Zin (kanan) bersama Norhayati menunjukkan notis di bengkel jentera yang disyaki menjadi punca pencemaran Sungai Gong, Rawang, semalam. (Foto Aizuddin Saad/BH)

kan perniagaan dan jika berdegil, tindakan seperti menyita dan merobohkan premis akan diambil," katanya.

Mohamad Zin berkata, kilang yang beroperasi secara sah akan diminta melaksanakan perniagaan secara lebih teratur dan mengikut syarat ditetapkan.

Selain lesen dan kebenaran MPS, katanya, pengusaha kilang perlu mendapat kelulusan beroperasi daripada JAS, Jabatan Bomba Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) dan agensi berkaitan.

Katanya, MPS sudah mempercepatkan urusan permohonan lesen perniagaan dan tiada sebab untuk pengusaha kilang tidak memohon lesen perniagaan.

Beliau berkata, dasar kerajaan negeri adalah antara punca operasi kilang tanpa kebenaran berterusan sehingga kini.

Sejak 2012, katanya, kerajaan negeri mengarahkan semua PBT memberi peluang kepada pemilik kilang tanpa lesen beroperasi dan pada masa sama mengarahkan mereka memohon lesen.

Mohamad Zin berkata, dasar itu bertujuan memberi peluang pengusaha kilang tanpa lesen beroperasi bagi memastikan kelangsungan ekonomi.

"Tempoh itu dilanjutkan Ogos tahun lalu sehingga 31 Disember tahun ini dan MPS akan memberi peluang kepada mereka memohon lesen perniagaan sah.

"Bagaimanapun, pengusaha kilang yang tiada dalam data atau didirikan selepas September tahun lalu akan berdepan tindakan termasuk dirobuhkan," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan berkaitan, pemilik dan pengurusan kilang yang disyaki melakukan pencemaran sumber air di Sungai Gong, didakwa tidak memberi kerjasama ketika pemeriksaan Jabatan Penguatkuasaan dan Keselamatan MPS.

Sejak Jun lalu, pengurusan kilang didakwa enggan membuka pagar ketika pemeriksaan dilakukan oleh pegawai dan anggota rondaan zon MPS.

Pengarah Jabatan Penguatkuasaan dan Keselamatan MPS, Norhayati Ahmad, berkata Jabatan Pelesenan MPS pernah mengeluarkan notis merah kepada pemilik kilang itu pada 19 Mac lalu, selepas didapati beroperasi tanpa kebenaran PBT.

"Sehari kemudian kita datang lagi melakukan pemeriksaan dan mendapati mereka tidak beroperasi dalam tempoh Perintah

Kawalan Pengerakan (PKP) dilaksanakan sehingga Jun lalu.

"Pihak pengurusan kilang datang ke MPS pada Jun lalu untuk berunding mengenai permohonan lesen perniagaan tetapi selepas tiga kali pemeriksaan ingin dilakukan, mereka tidak memberi kerjasama dengan menutup pagar," katanya selepas melakukan pemeriksaan ke kilang berkenaan, semalam.

Berdasarkan peruntukan undang-undang, MPS tidak mempunyai kuasa memasuki kilang berkenaan bagi tujuan pemeriksaan sekiranya pagar tidak dibuka.

Norhayati berkata, mereka menyatakan dalam laporan tidak mendapat kerjasama pemilik kilang.

"Apabila isu pencemaran air ini timbul, barulah kami dibenarkan masuk dan mengeluarkan kompaun di bawah Seksyen 3 kerana melakukan perniagaan tanpa kelulusan MPS, iaitu maksimum RM1,000," katanya.

Beliau berkata pihaknya sudah memberi amaran kepada pemilik kilang untuk menghentikan operasi dan memastikan setiap dokumen diperlukan dihantar untuk tindakan susulan.



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JAS nafi beri hak eksklusif kendali buangan terjadual

Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) menafikan dakwaan pemberian hak eksklusif kepada mana-mana 'Premis Yang Ditetapkan Buangan Terjadual' (PYDT BT) bagi mengendalikan buangan terjadual di negara ini.

Ketua Pengarah JAS, Norlin Jaafar, berkata setakat ini JAS melesenkan Kemudahan Pemeroletan Kembali, Pengolahan dan Pelupusan Terjadual di seluruh negara, membabitkan 406 kemudahan PYDT BT dan 343 pengangkutan.

Katanya, langkah itu bagi memastikan pengurusan buangan terjadual berkesan dan memenuhi kehendak Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling (AKAS) 1974.

Beliau berkata, industri serta punca yang menghasilkan buangan terjadual hendaklah menguruskan buangan itu dengan sempurna, dari segi notifikasi,

maklumat ciri buangan, penstoran, pelabelan, inventori dan maklumat pergerakan buangan terjadual.

"Semua ini perlu direkodkan melalui sistem dalam talian iaitu eSWIS (Electronic Scheduled Waste Information System), selaras kehendak Peraturan-Peraturan Kualiti Alam Sekeliling (Buangan Terjadual) 2005.

"JAS tidak terbabit dalam sebarang penetapan kos dan sebarang kos dikenakan ke atas pengeluaran buangan, (ia) adalah ditetapkan PYDT BT yang dilesenkan," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Beliau mengulas mesej yang tular di media sosial mendakwa pencemaran sungai berpunca daripada dasar kerajaan yang memberikan kontrak eksklusif kepada beberapa syarikat pengumpulan buangan terjadual.

Mesej itu turut mendakwa syarikat berkenaan mengambil kesempatan dengan menetapkan kos sangat tinggi bagi kerja pengumpulan buangan terjadual, sekali gus menyebabkan pengilang memilih untuk membuangnya di longkang atau sungai berhampiran.

Norlin berkata, kerajaan pernah beri hak eksklusif bagi operasi *Centralized Integrated Scheduled Waste Management Center* kepada Kualiti Alam Sdn Bhd selama 15 tahun, mulai 1 Mac 2000 dan tamat pada 28 Februari 2015.

"Dalam hal ini, kerajaan bercadang untuk membina lima kemudahan pengurusan sisa bersepadu iaitu di Johor, Perak, Terengganu, Sabah dan Pulau Pinang bagi memastikan sisa buangan terjadual dapat diurus dengan lebih baik serta sempurna," katanya.



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Menteri Besar Selangor mohon maaf tindakan isteri

Shah Alam: Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari memohon maaf atas tindakan isterinya memuat naik gambar sebuah lori tangki air Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) yang menghantar bekalan air ke kediaman rasmi mereka, kelmarin.

Beliau berkata, tindakan isterinya, Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad adalah untuk mengucapkan rasa terima kasih terhadap syarikat berkenaan yang menghantar bantuan air.

"Isteri saya sudah memohon maaf semalam (kelmarin) dan apa yang dilakukan beliau adalah untuk menyampaikan rasa gembiranya terhadap bantuan air yang diberikan Air Selangor, selepas seharian menunggu bantuan datang.

"Tapi perkara ini menjadi modal sesetengah pihak untuk menyerang saya... tapi tak apalah saya dan isteri mohon maaf," katanya selepas program Dialog Belanjawan negeri Selangor 2021 di Setia Alam, semalam.

Kelmarin, Masdiana memuat naik gambar sebuah lori tangki air Air Selangor yang menghantar bantuan di kediamannya menerusi media sosial.



Bagaimanapun, paparan gambar itu mendapatkan reaksi negatif segelintir netizen yang berangapan bahawa keluarga Amirudin mendapat layanan istimewa daripada Air Selangor.

Dalam pada itu, Amirudin berharap mana-mana pihak tidak memanjangkan lagi isu berkenaan dan meminta orang ramai supaya fokus semula terhadap isu pencemaran air yang sedang berlaku di Selangor.

Sementara itu, Amirudin berkata, kerajaan negeri tiada kuasa untuk mengambil tindakan sebat dan lucut hak terhadap mana-mana pesalah yang terbabit dengan pencemaran sumber air di Selangor.

Katanya, bidang kuasa kerajaan negeri hanya membolehkan pesalah dihukum menerusi Enakmen Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) 1999 sahaja.

"Cadangan (hukuman sebat dan lucut hak) berkenaan perlu dibincangkan mengikut bidang kuasa masing-masing yang mana Jabatan Alam Sekitar perlu mengetengahkan perkara ini.

"Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 mempunyai bidang kuasa yang jauh lebih besar untuk mengenakan tindakan terhadap pesalah," katanya.



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Kuala Selangor: Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air akan menubuhkan Unit Jenayah Alam Sekitar untuk menangani isu pencemaran, kata Menteri Datuk Tuan Man Tuan Ibrahim.

Katanya, langkah penyelesaian jangka sederhana itu akan dilaksanakan dengan kerjasama Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) dan Angkatan Tentera Malaysia (ATM) bagi menyelaraskan tindakan bersama antara agensi penguat kuasa bagi membanteras kegiatan pencemaran sungai.

Tuan Ibrahim berkata, cadangan itu secara dasarnya dipersetujui Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob pada perbincangan pagi semalam.

Selain itu, katanya, cadangan sama dijangka dibincangkan dengan Menteri Dalam Negeri, Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin dalam masa terdekat.

"Unit ini dicadangkan untuk diletakkan di bawah sektor keselamatan memandangkan isu berkaitan air dan alam sekitar ini dilihat berpotensi menjejaskan keselamatan negara, terutama ekonomi dan kesejahteraan rakyat, jika sebarang bencana berlaku," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas melawat Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Sungai Selangor Fasa 1 dan sesi bersama petugas pelbagai agensi berkaitan yang terbabit sepanjang penguatkuasaan dan pemulihan bekalan air di sini, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Tuan Ibrahim berkata, kementerian juga akan mempercepatkan pindaan terhadap Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 (Akta 127) dan Akta Industri Perkhidmatan Air 2006 (Akta 655) yang antara lain bagi mengenakan penalti lebih berat dan bercadang membentangkannya pada sesi persidangan Dewan Rakyat akan datang.

Kementerian juga akan me-



Tuan Ibrahim melawat Loji Rawatan Air Sungai Selangor Fasa 1 di Kuala Selangor, semalam.
 (Foto Shahmi Imran/BH)

mastikan Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) menjalankan pemantauan terhadap kualiti air mentah secara berkala dan meningkatkan kekerapan operasi melalui penguatkuasaan Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974.

"Penguatkuasaan ini akan dilakukan secara mengejut ke lokasi di huluan muka sawk. Untuk makluman, saya sebenarnya selalu turun ke sungai dan selepas ini kita akan lebih giatkan aktiviti pemantauan ini.

"Kementerian akan mengemukakan kepada Jemaah Menteri kertas cadangan inisiatif untuk memastikan sumber air mentah tidak dicemari dan menyebabkan

gangguan bekalan air," katanya.

Mengenai status bekalan selepas gangguan berikutan pencemaran Sungai Gong di Rawang minggu lalu, Tuan Ibrahim berkata, pemulihan sudah mencapai 75.31 peratus membabitkan 93.27 peratus daripada keseluruhan pemilik akaun yang terjejas dan dijangka pulih sepenuhnya pada jam 6 pagi esok.

"Tempoh berbeza bagi penerimaan bekalan didorong pelbagai faktor, antaranya ialah jarak kawasan penempatan dari loji dan aras kediaman di kawasan tinggi atau berbukit kerana agihan turut membabitkan faktor tekanan air atau graviti," katanya.



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Pencemar alam sekitar patut tanggung rugi, kos pemulihan

Sejak beberapa hari lalu, pelbagai pihak bertungkus-lumus menangani pencemaran kilang di Sungai Gong yang menyebabkan punca gangguan bekalan air di tujuh kawasan sekitar Lembah Klang, susulan penutupan empat loji rawatan air (LRA) di Sungai Selangor.

Dianggarkan 1.2 juta orang terkesan dengan keputusan bekalan air. Data menunjukkan sejak 2008, lebih kurang 50 peratus laporan gangguan bekalan air daripada jumlah keseluruhan 83,729 yang dilaporkan di Malaysia, berlaku di Selangor.

Kebanyakan kejadian berlaku disebabkan pencemaran sumber air iaitu sungai yang menyalurkan air mentah ke LRA.

Tahun lalu, negara dikejutkan dengan pencemaran Sungai Kim Kim di Pasir Gudang, Johor yang menyebabkan pelajar sekolah mengalami gangguan kesihatan.

Dilaporkan, terdapat 274 kilang di sepanjang jajaran sungai berkenaan yang dikenal pasti menjadi penyebab masalah pencemaran sungai berkenaan sukar dikawal.

Berdasarkan pengalaman berkecimpung dalam bidang berkaitan bekalan air, penulis terangkan secara ringkas hubung kait badan yang terbabit dalam menyediakan air terawat kepada rakyat terutamanya di Selangor.

Air adalah bidang kuasa negeri dan Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) menjadi pihak berkuasa yang bertanggungjawab mengawal selia semua sumber air negeri termasuk sungai.

Akta LUAS antara yang terbaik kerana ia akta contoh memabatkan perancangan dan tindakan bersepadu ramai pemegang taruh dalam sesebuah negeri.

Dari sungai, air akan diekstrak untuk dirawat dan diagihkan kepada penduduk. Operasi pengendalian rawatan dan pengagihan air ini dijalankan Air Selangor; manakala Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN) mengawal selia Air Selangor.

Ini bermaksud pembekalan air terawat adalah bidang kuasa bersama negeri dan Persekutuan. SPAN tiada bidang kuasa ke atas mana-mana sumber air.

Berbalik isu sedia ada, kemarahan kita semua adalah kerana pihak yang melakukan pencemaran ini adalah pihak yang melakukan kesalahan sama berulang kali.

Justeru, apa tindakan boleh diambil dan bagaimana untuk pastikan ia tidak lagi berlaku?

Kita harus melihat kembali peruntukan dan penguatkuasaan undang-undang. Dilaporkan individu yang melakukan pencemaran ini pernah dikompaun RM60,000. Jelas kompaun sebegini tidak mencukupi untuk mencegah sesebuah kilang komersial yang mengaut keuntungan berkali ganda nilai itu daripada mengulangi kesilapan sama.

Di bawah undang-undang sedia ada, Seksyen 79 Enakmen LUAS memperuntukkan denda maksimum RM100,000 atau penjara tiga tahun atau kedua-duanya untuk kesalahan pencemaran sumber air.

Akta Kualiti Persekitaran 1974 juga memperuntukkan nilai denda sama un-

tuk kesalahan sedemikian atau penjara maksimum lima tahun atau kedua-duanya sekali.

Akta Akta Industri Perkhidmatan Air Negara 2006 (WSIA) di bawah kawal selia SPAN, tidak mempunyai peruntukan pencemaran sumber air, kecuali pencemaran itu menyebabkan kematian kepada yang meminum air terawat atau berniat membunuh atau menggugat nyawa orang lain. Hukumannya berat iaitu gantung atau penjara 20 tahun.

Jelasnya, individu yang melakukan pencemaran mengulangi kesalahan kali kedua dan seterusnya tidak wajar lagi ditawarkan kompaun. Pendakwaan patut dibuat dan biar hakim tentukan sama ada penjara itu sesuai ataupun tidak.

Namun, persoalannya sama ada denda RM100,000 itu cukup. Kalau diban-

dingkan peruntukan jenayah lain, nilai denda itu boleh dikatakan berat, namun tidak mencukupi apabila kelakuan seseorang boleh membuat lebih sejuta rakyat merana.

Pelbagai perbelanjaan lebih rakyat kena tanggung seperti terpaksa membeli makanan daripada memasak untuk menjimatkan air dan basuhan.

Pembelian air minum pun mungkin meningkat. Sesetengah pula terpaksa berpindah sementara ke kawasan yang ada air. Tidak adil kalau pencemar tidak menanggung ini. Bayaran kompaun RM60,000 tidak setimpal.

Air adalah hak asasi seluruh manusia. Ketetapan resolusi 64/292 Majlis Umum Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (PBB) pada 28 Julai 2010, menyeru semua negara memastikan bekalan air yang selamat, bersih, mudah didapati dan murah kepada orang ramai.

Tambahan pula Léo Heller, pelapor khas PBB yang datang menilai aspek air dan sanitasi Malaysia pada 2018, menyatakan dari sudut bekalan dan sanitasi Malaysia mempunyai pencapaian yang mengagumkan.

Justeru, sudah tiba masanya kita cuba perluaskan lagi konsep *polluter pay principle* iaitu mereka yang mencemar, membayar ke atas semua hukuman untuk pencemaran di bawah beberapa undang-berkaitan.

Setiap rakyat yang melakukan pencemaran perlu faham bahawa kegiatan mencemari alam mereka bukan sahaja memberi kesan buruk kepada alam sekitar, tetapi kepada ramai rakyat lain termasuk anak cucu kita.

Rakyat mesti tahu kesalahan pencemaran suatu yang berat dan perlu dijadikan contoh. Maka, selain denda dan penjara, setiap yang melakukan pencemaran harus bertanggungjawab ke atas setiap kos pemuliharaan yang ditanggung oleh semua pihak berkuasa dalam memulihkan pencemaran.

Pihak berkuasa seperti LUAS juga perlu dibenarkan mengambil tindakan *civil class action* bagi pihak yang mengalami kerugian. Satu proses perlu diwujudkan supaya bukti berkenaan dapat dikumpul dengan mudah agar tindakan undang-undang yang setimpal boleh diambil.

Apa yang boleh dituntut juga diperjelaskan. Ini akan membuat kesalahan mencemar dapat dicegah dan tuntutan dibuat dapat mempertingkatkan sistem pembersihan yang jauh lebih sempurna dibina.

Individu yang melakukan pencemaran mengulangi kesalahan kali kedua dan seterusnya tidak wajar lagi ditawarkan kompaun. Pendakwaan patut dibuat dan biar hakim tentukan sama ada penjara itu sesuai ataupun tidak.





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Ahmad Masrizal Muhammad

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Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) bersama Jabatan Perlindungan Alam Sekitar Sabah (JPAS) mempertingkatkan Operasi Mencegah Kebakaran Terbuka di negeri itu susulan cuaca panas dan kering ketika ini.

Timbalan Menteri Alam Sekitar dan Air, Senator Datuk Dr Ahmad Masrizal Muhammad, berkata pada masa sama JPAS turut mempertingkatkan rondaan darat berikutan pengaktifan pelan tindakan pencegahan pembakaran terbuka pada musim kering selain mengambil tindakan penguatkuasaan ke atas kes berkenaan.

"Berdasarkan kajian ke atas tanah gambut yang sering terbakar di Sabah pada tahun lalu, daripada 200,000 hektar tanah gambut yang ada di negeri itu, 36,000 hektar didapati adalah kawasan berisiko kebakaran.

"Sehubungan itu, ceramah dan kempen kesedaran secara berkala selain pengedaran poster larangan pembakaran terbuka turut dilakukan bagi meningkatkan kesedaran awam berhubung masalah ini," katanya pada sesi jawab lisan perundangan Dewan Negara, semalam.

Beliau menjawab pertanyaan Senator Datuk John Ambrose mengenai usaha kerajaan memantau aktiviti perladangan serta statistik tindakan yang sudah diambil terhadap syarikat yang mencemar alam sekitar.

Ahmad Masrizal menjelaskan sehingga 31 Ogos lalu, sebanyak 14 kompaun dikeluarkan JPAS bagi kes pembakaran terbuka khususnya di kawasan ladang kelapa sawit, manakala sepanjang tahun lalu sebanyak 43 kompaun dikeluarkan dan satu kes dibawa ke mahkamah.

"Untuk seluruh negara pula, sejak tahun lalu hingga 23 Ogos, sebanyak 269 kes pembakaran terbuka di ladang sawit dan 49 kes pembakaran terbuka di ladang getah sudah dikenal pasti di seluruh negara dan diambil tindakan mengikut Seksyen 29A, Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974," katanya.

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Nilai dagangan tempoh PKP susut 10.3 peratus

Kuala Lumpur: Nilai dagangan Malaysia dalam tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) iaitu mulai Mac hingga Julai, 2020, menyusut sebanyak 10.3 peratus kepada RM700.74 bilion disebabkan penurunan eksport dan import.

Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, berkata eksport dan import masing-masing menurun sebanyak 9.5 peratus dan 11.4 peratus berbanding tempoh yang sama pada tahun 2019.

"Bagaimanapun, imbalan dagangan pada ketika ini masih mencatatkan lebih dengan peningkatan marginal sebanyak satu peratus kepada RM65.07 bilion berbanding RM64.45 bilion dalam tempoh yang sama pada 2019," katanya pada persidangan Dewan Negara, semalam.

Beliau menjawab soalan Senator Lim Hui Ying yang ingin tahu mengenai apakah kesan akibat PKP kepada imbalan dagangan Malaysia.

Mohamed Azmin berkata, bagi

tempoh Mac hingga Julai 2020, semua kategori utama import iaitu barangan perantaraan, barangan modal dan barangan penggunaan merekodkan penurunan import.

Katanya, dalam tempoh itu juga, penurunan eksport dicatatkan bagi hampir semua sektor utama khususnya barangan elektrik dan elektronik, keluaran petroleum, petroleum mentah, barangan perkilangan logam dan gas asli cecair.

Tambahnya, penurunan eksport itu disebabkan sekatan operasi yang dikenakan kepada kebanyakan sektor utama semasa tempoh PKP.

"Penyusutan eksport ini sudah dijangka memandangkan kebanyakan negara di seluruh dunia terbabat dalam sekatan pergerakan bagi membendung penularan pandemik COVID-19. Ia menjejaskan aktiviti pembuatan serta rangkaian bekalan di peringkat global," katanya.

Bagaimanapun Mohamed Azmin berkata, kesan pemulihan sudah dapat dilihat apabila pres-



Azmin Ali

tasi eksport melonjak sebanyak lapan peratus pada bulan Jun 2020 berbanding bulan sama pada 2019.

"Momentum pemulihan terus direkodkan pada bulan Julai 2020, eksport pada bulan itu mencatatkan kenaikan sebanyak 3.1 peratus berbanding bulan Julai 2019.

Imbalan dagangan pula turut menunjukkan prestasi yang memberangsangkan, pada Jun ia meningkat sebanyak 88.5 peratus dan terus melonjak sebanyak 57.5 peratus pada Julai.

"Nilai lebih dagangan pada

Julai iaitu RM25.15 bilion adalah nilai bulanan tertinggi dicatatkan sejak tiga dekad yang lalu," katanya.

Selain itu, eksport meningkat dilihat terutama bagi sektor keluaran getah bagi tempoh Mac hingga Julai 2020, eksport sarung tangan getah naik sebanyak 65.5 peratus disokong oleh permintaan tinggi di pasaran global berikutan penularan COVID-19.

Secara keseluruhannya, bagi tempoh Januari hingga Julai 2020 nilai perdagangan negara menyusut sebanyak 6.8 peratus kepada RM993.22 bilion berbanding tempoh yang sama pada tahun 2019.

Eksport bagi tempoh berkenaan pula menurun 6.2 peratus kepada RM541.47 bilion dan import berkurangan sebanyak 7.4 peratus kepada RM451.75 bilion.

Dalam pada itu, lebih dagangan mencatatkan peningkatan 0.8 peratus kepada RM89.72 bilion berbanding RM88.98 bilion yang direkodkan bagi tempoh sama pada 2019.

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MAIS pantau fahaman liberal

SHAH ALAM: Majlis Agama Islam Selangor (MAIS) memandang serius penularan fahaman liberal yang bercanggah dengan pegangan Ahli Sunnah Wal Jamaah.

Pengerusinya, Datuk Mohammed Khusrin Munawi, dalam memberi kefahaman dan penjelasan kepada masyarakat awam berhubung fahaman liberalisme, MAIS dan Jabatan Mufti Negeri Selangor melaksanakan program penerangan berterusan kepada pelajar sekolah, pegawai kerajaan dan orang awam.

“Sejak 2014 hingga tahun lalu, Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor (JAIS) telah melaksanakan 582 aktiviti yang melibatkan sesi penjelasan, seminar, konvensyen dan pemantauan bagi memastikan fahaman liberalisme termasuk ajaran sesat dapat ditangani sehingga ke peringkat akar umbi.

“Tindakan dan pemantauan berterusan melalui media sosial juga diambil bagi membendung penyebaran fahaman liberalisme ini selain menerbitkan buku berkaitan kesedaran akidah untuk rujukan orang ramai,” katanya dalam kenyataan



MOHAMMED KHUSRIN MUNAWI

di sini semalam

Utusan Malaysia semalam melaporkan Majlis agama Islam setiap negeri dan Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM) digesa tidak ‘berpeluk tubuh’ dalam mengekang penularan fahaman liberal yang bercanggah dengan pegangan Ahli Sunnah Wal Jamaah.

Sumber memberitahu, ini kerana hasil risikan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) mendapati fa-

haman dan ideologi berkenaan termasuk *Freemason* kini sudah menjadi ancaman serius di negara ini yang disebarkan melalui Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, WhatsApp dan Telegram sebagai ‘alat propaganda songsang’.

Lebih mengejutkan, ideologi liberal itu dipercayai telah mula berkembang di Lembah Klang, Pulau Pinang dan Johor.

Dalam pada itu, Mohammed Khusrin berkata, pihaknya melalui JAIS juga sentiasa melakukan pemantauan terhadap kumpulan fahaman yang menyimpang dengan syarak.

“Di Selangor, dalam usaha menangani penyebaran fahaman yang menyeleweng daripada agama Islam, MAIS dan pihak berkuasa agama Islam negeri iaitu JAIS, Jabatan Mufti Negeri Selangor (JMS) dan Jabatan Pendakwaan Syariah Negeri Selangor (JPSS) sentiasa bekerjasama secara bersepadu bagi menangani perkara ini.

“Kita juga sentiasa proaktif dalam melaksanakan aktiviti pemantauan, risikan dan siasatan secara berterusan termasuk dengan kerjasama orang awam ke atas fahaman ini yang disyaki kembali aktif,” katanya.



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Amirudin mohon maaf pada rakyat Selangor

SHAH ALAM: Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari memohon maaf atas tindakan isterinya, Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad memuat naik gambar sebuah lori tangki Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. (Air Selangor) di kediaman rasmi mereka, kelmarin.

Beliau berkata, tindakan isterinya itu adalah untuk menzahirkan penghargaan terhadap syarikat tersebut yang menghantar bantuan air.

“Masdiana hanya mahu men-

yampaikan rasa gembira terhadap bantuan air yang diberikan Air Selangor setelah seharian menunggu.

“Bagaimanapun, perkara ini dijadikan modal bagi sesetengah pihak untuk menyerang saya.

“Namun, tidak mengapalah, saya dan isteri memohon maaf,” katanya dalam sidang akhbar selepas program Dialog Belanjawan negeri Selangor 2021 di Pusat Perdagangan Setia City di sini semalam.

Amirudin berkata, pihaknya

berharap isu itu tidak dipanjangkan sebaliknya orang ramai fokus terhadap isu pencemaran air yang sedang berlaku di Selangor.

“Setakat pagi ini, lebih sejuta pemilik akaun sudah memperolehi bekalan air di kediaman dan premis mereka yang meliputi 37 kawasan.

“Kita menyasarkan bekalan air di seluruh Selangor akan pulih sepenuhnya Rabu ini,” ujarnya.

Kelmarin, tular dalam laman sosial selepas Masdiana

memuat naik gambar lori tangki Air Selangor berada di kediaman rasmi tersebut dengan ahli keluarga Menteri Besar itu mandi di kolam renang.

Tindakan itu dikatakan menggores hati rakyat yang tiada air selain menerima kecaman netizen.

Masdiana membuat permohonan maaf di laman sosial Facebook miliknya dengan mengakui kekhilafannya namun menafikan lori tangki dihantar untuk memenuhi kolam renang.



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MPS gempur kilang haram

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SHAH ALAM: Kilang penyelenggaraan jentera di Sungai Gong, Rawang dekat sini yang menjadi punca pencemaran sumber air sehingga berlakunya gangguan bekalan di Lembah Klang beroperasi tanpa lesen Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) sejak 2014.

Malah, premis itu juga berdegil apabila enggan membuat permohonan lesen walaupun disarankan berbuat demikian oleh MPS.

Pengarah Jabatan Korporat Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS), Mohamad Zin Masoad berkata, selain meneruskan operasi tanpa lesen, kilang tersebut juga menjalankan aktiviti perniagaan lain dengan membina struktur bangunan tanpa kebenaran.

“Kita menyerahkan notis di bawah Seksyen 70(1) Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 atas kesalahan membina bangunan tanpa kebenaran. Pihak syarikat diberi tempoh tiga hari untuk mengemukakan dokumen berkaitan kepada MPS sebelum tindakan roboh dilaksanakan,” katanya dalam kenyataan di sini semalam.

Menurut beliau, pihak Pejabat Tanah dan Daerah Gombak juga menyerahkan Borang 7A (Notis Untuk Memulih Pelanggaran Syarat) atas kesalahan melanggar syarat guna tanah.

Terdahulu, MPS menjalankan operasi di kilang tersebut yang dipercayai menjadi punca gangguan bekalan air yang melanda Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur.

Dalam operasi tersebut, sebanyak 15 buah kilang diperiksa



PETUGAS Jabatan Alam Sekitar bersama penguat kuasa Majlis Perbandaran Selayang melihat binaan tanpa kebenaran dan isu berkaitan tanah di kilang penyelenggaraan jentera di Sungai Gong, Rawang semalam.

dan lima premis diberikan Notis Pematuhan Syarat Lesen Premis Perniagaan MPS 2020 manakala empat lagi premis dikenakan tindakan ditarik lesen kerana menjalankan aktiviti tambahan tanpa kebenaran.

Kesemua tindakan dibuat di bawah Undang-Undang Ke-

cil Tred, Perniagaan dan Industri (MPS) 2007.

Dalam pada itu, Mohamad Zin berkata, sebanyak 308 daripada 6,000 buah kilang didapati beroperasi secara haram.

“Daripada 308 kilang haram tersebut, sebanyak 50 premis membuat permohonan lesen

perniagaan manakala selebihnya belum berbuat demikian.

“Kita akan memanggil kesemua 308 pengusaha kilang Jumaat ini untuk menjalankan pemutihan. Pengusaha kilang akan diarah memohon kebenaran menjalankan perniagaan,” katanya.



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AMIRUDIN SHARI

SHAH ALAM: Kerajaan negeri tidak mempunyai kuasa untuk mengenakan hukuman sebat atau pelucutan hak terhadap mana-mana syarikat yang terlibat dengan pencemaran sumber air.

Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari, kedua-dua hukuman tersebut tidak termaktub di dalam Enakmen Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) 1999.

Beliau berkata, dalam Enakmen LUAS, kerajaan negeri hanya boleh melakukan siasatan serta menyediakan bukti untuk pendakwaan yang seharusnya

dilakukan oleh Jabatan Peguam Negara.

“Bagaimanapun, cadangan berkenaan perlu dibincangkan mengikut bidang kuasa masing-masing iaitu diketengahkan oleh Jabatan Alam Sekitar.

“Kita hanya ada Enakmen LUAS 1999 tetapi di bawah Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 sebenarnya mempunyai bidang kuasa jauh lebih luas untuk mengenakan tindakan terhadap pesalah,” katanya dalam sidang akhbar selepas melancarkan Program Dialog Belanjawan negeri Selangor 2021 di Pusat

Perdagangan Setia Alam di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Amirudin berkata, pihaknya tidak mahu menunding jari kepada mana-mana pihak dan sedang menunggu hasil siasatan daripada pihak berkaitan.

“Kita akan bekerjasama dengan kerajaan Pusat bagi menyelesaikan isu tersebut.

“Saya kini sedang memfokuskan aspek pemantauan yang hendak dilakukan di kawasan tersebut dan aspek penguat kuasaan sekiranya kejadian sama berulang” ujarnya.



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DUA pekerja kilang yang disyaki terlibat dalam kejadian pencemaran sumber air di Sungai Gong, Rawang direman enam hari beranda, semalam.



PERMIS terbahit dipercayai sudah beroperasi sejak 2014 lalu dan termasuk dalam senarai pemantauan kilang haram.

6 TAHUN OPERASI HARAM

Kilang selenggara jentera jadi punca pencemaran pernah dikompaun beroperasi tanpa lesen



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Rawang

Kilang penyelenggaraan jentera di kawasan Industri Sungai Gong di sini, yang disyaki punca pencemaran bau sehingga menyebabkan empat Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) di Sungai Selangor dihentikan khamis lalu beroperasi secara haram sejak enam tahun lalu.

Pengarah Jabatan Korporat Majlis Perbandaran Selangor (MPS), Mohamad Zin Masoud berkata, kilang itu juga sudah dikompaun pada Mac kerana beroperasi tanpa lesen dan sehingga kini belum melakukan sebarang permohonan.

Katanya, premis terbahit dipercayai sudah beroperasi sejak 2014 lalu dan termasuk dalam senarai pemantauan kilang haram.

"Berdasarkan data oleh MPS, pengurusan kilang berkenaan tidak pernah membuat permohonan lesen sejak 2014.

"Pihak MPS juga sudah dua kali menyuarakan kepada kilang terbahit untuk membuat permohonan lesen selepas dikesan beroperasi sejak enam tahun lalu.

"Selain beroperasi tanpa kebenaran, kilang yang dipercayai sering menjalankan pelbagai aktiviti perniagaan lain ini turut membina struktur bangunan dalam kawasan premis mereka tanpa kebenaran bertulis dari MPS," katanya ketika ditemui dalam operasi kilang haram di sini, semalam.

Menurutnya, pemilik atau pengurusan kilang ini langsung tidak menghantar sebarang permohonan untuk menjalankan perniagaan.

"Pengurusan kilang dilhat tidak mempedulikan notis yang dikeluarkan Mac lalu dan terus menjalankan perniagaan tanpa kebenaran serta mendirikan bangunan tanpa kebenaran," katanya.

Sehubungan itu katanya, MPS menghajikan notis kepada kilang penyelenggaraan jentera yang membuat binaan tanpa lesen itu.

Menerusi notis itu, pihak syarikat perlu mengemukakan dokumen berkaitan dalam tempoh tiga hari dan akan dirubuhkan jika gagal berbuat demikian.

Mohamad Zin berkata, notis mengikat Seksyen 70 (1) Akta Jalan, Partit dan Bangunan 1974 dikeluarkan kerana kegagalan syarikat berkenaan mengemukakan bukti.

"Dalam tempoh tiga hari jika gagal mengemukakan bukti premis berkenaan akan dirubuhkan," katanya.

Katanya, bagi isu berkaitan pencemaran yang dilatitkan dengan pengurusan kilang, kesalahan itu di bawah tanggungjawab Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS).

Pengurusan Kilang tidak mempedulikan notis dikeluarkan sejak Mac lalu



PENGUJIAN Inspeksi Mula Ihtibandar Selangor memeriksa kilang penyelenggaraan jentera.



KEADILAN LARANG beroperasi di zon industri di Rawang.



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Shah Alam

Sebarang tambahan bentuk hukuman terhadap pencemar sumber air mentah adalah di bawah bidang kuasa kerajaan Persekutuan menerusi Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 yang dilihat lebih luas, kata Menteri Besar Selangor Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Bagi kerajaan negeri Selangor, katanya, kuasa untuk menghukum individu yang melakukan kesalahan mencemar sumber air amat terhad dan hanya tertakluk pada Enakmen Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (Luas) 1999.

"Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling sebenarnya mempunyai kuasa yang lebih luas untuk tambah hukuman (terhadap pencemar alam sekitar) seperti sebat, penjara dan melucutkan hak.

"Malah, kuasa untuk mendakwa juga bukan di bawah kerajaan negeri, tetapi pada pihak Peguam Negara," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan sesi Dialog Belanjawan Negeri Selangor 2021 di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian bagi mengulas gesaan pelbagai pihak yang mahu hukuman terhadap pencemar alam sekitar ditingkatkan dengan meminda akta sedia ada atau menggubal undang-undang baharu. Jumaat lalu, empat loji rawatan air di Sungai Selangor terpaksa dihenti tugas ekoran berlakunya pencemaran bau di Sungai Gong, Rawang

Naikkan denda RM1 juta!

Selangor bakal pinda Enakmen Luas 1999 pada persidangan Dun akan datang

5 juta
 Jumlah pengguna di sekitar Lembah Klang hadapi gangguan bekalan air

menyebabkan 5 juta pengguna di sekitar Lembah Klang menghadapi gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual.

Pada masa sama, Amirudin menyatakan kerajaan negeri akan meminda Enakmen Luas 1999 pada persidangan Dewan Undangan Negeri (Dun) akan datang dengan meningkatkan nilai denda kepada RM1 juta untuk dikenakan terhadap pencemar sumber air.

Sementara itu, mengulas mengenai gambar tular di akaun media sosial isterinya yang memaparkan lori tangki Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) 'menghantar' air terus ke rumahnya, Amirudin memohon maaf

atas kekhilafan berkenaan.

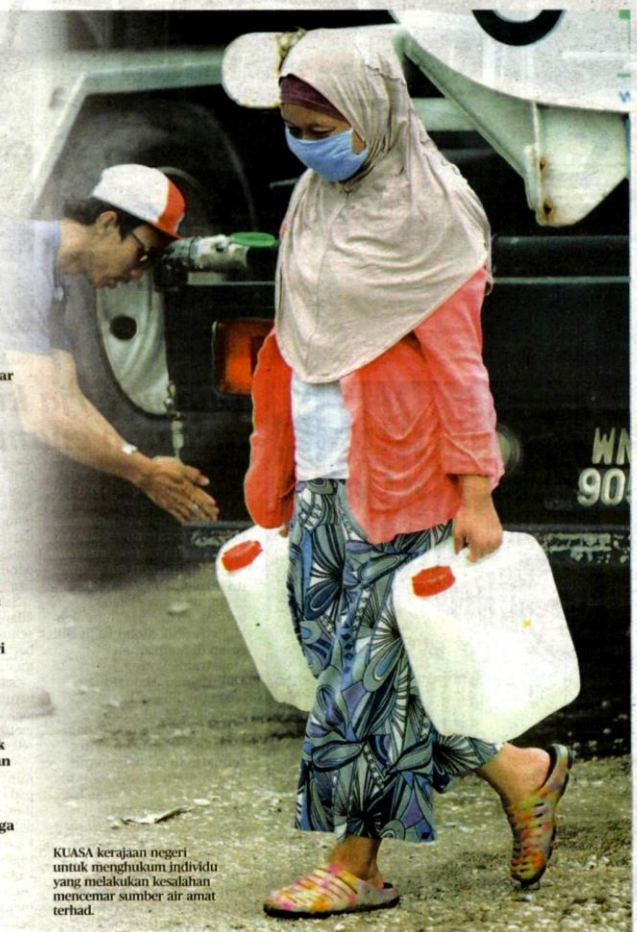
Menurut beliau, gambar lori tangki Air Selangor itu dimuat naik oleh isterinya, Datin Seri Masdiana Muhammad bagi melahirkan rasa terima kasih kepada agensi itu yang membantu menghantar air ke kediamannya.

"Gambar ini sudah digunakan oleh sesetengah pihak untuk menyerang saya, bagaimanapun saya dan isteri memohon maaf," katanya.

Sabtu lalu, gambar lori tangki menghantar bekalan air ke rumah menteri besar yang dimuat naik Masdiana menerima kritikan masyarakat kerana tidak berpuas hati atas layanan istimewa diterima oleh golongan kenamaan tatkala rakyat biasa termasuk golongan warga emas terpaksa menyinggung lengan untuk mengangkut air bagi kegunaan rumah masing-masing.

- Bernama

KUASA kerajaan negeri untuk menghukum individu yang melakukan kesalahan mencemar sumber air amat terhad.





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APABILA PAIP KELUAR ANGIN

Haru-biru angkut air



Bersama
**Saipul Adli
 Mohamad**



Bayangkan betapa sukarnya cabaran menghadapi masalah ketiadaan air terutama keluarga besar, tinggal pula di rumah pangsa

erana sebaloi air, saya pernah nyaris bergaduh dengan rakan sebaya ketika menuntut di institusi pengajian tinggi awam (IPTA) di bandar Melaka pada awal 1990-an.

Ketika itu, Melaka berdepan krisis bekalan air akibat kemarau dan kami yang tinggal di flat awam di Kampung Lapan dan mengikuti kuliah di kampus utama di Jalan Hang Tuah atau di Bachang turut terkena tempasiannya.

Bekalan air untuk mandi dan urusan lain dibekalkan lori tangki dan diletakkan dalam tong besar di hadapan flat itu, jadi kami mengangkutnya naik ke bilik dengan baldi masing-masing.

Nak dijadikan cerita, hari itu saya mengalami 'keceemasan' dan perlu ke tandas dengan segera.

Air dalam baldi saya habis digunakan untuk mandi, jadi perlu mencari air lain.

Ternampak satu baldi di bawah katil rakan lalu saya menggunakannya.

Kemudian bergegas turun ke kawasan tong besar untuk menggantikannya, tetapi malangnya ia kosong.

Di belakang salah satu blok asrama itu ada kolam tinggal dan ada masanya kami mengambil air di situ apabila sangat terdesak.

Jadi, saya mengambil air kolam itu dua baldi, satu untuk saya dan satu lagi untuk menggantikan air rakan saya itu dan meletakkan semula baldinya di bawah katil.

Apabila pulang dari kuliah, rakan tidak puas hati.

Maklumlah, air kolam agak keruh dan ada sedikit rumput.

Saya mengaku itu silap saya dalam keadaan terdesak dan dia nampaknya masih tidak puas hati.

Kami bertekak namun mungkin melihat saiz badan, dia akhirnya mengalah.

Ketika zaman remaja itu, antara perkara mengaib dan mendebarakan adalah membawa baldi untuk mengambil air dekat tong besar di bawah blok untuk ke tandas terutama di kampus Bachang kerana ia asrama penginapan penuntut perempuan.

Itu kisah lama dan saya terkenang kesukaran itu apabila Melaka mengalami krisis air sekali lagi akibat kekurangan bekalan di empangan utama pada awal tahun ini.

Ketika balik bertugas di Kuala Lumpur pada awal 2018 dan tinggal di Pandan Mewah, Ampang, saya bersyukur kerana tidak perlu membayar bil air dan hanya tahun ini, baru ada bil air.

Itu antara inisiatif kerajaan Selangor bagi membantu meringankan beban rakyat, tetapi ancaman utama bekalan air di Lembah Klang adalah pencemaran punca air dilakukan manusia tidak bertanggungjawab.

Hujung tahun lalu, berlaku pencemaran di Sungai Semenyih dan pada April lalu, empat Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Sungai Selangor Fasa 1, 2, 3 dan Rantau Panjang terpaksa dihenti tugas seketika.

Empat LRA itu sekali lagi terpaksa dihenti tugas Khamis lalu akibat pencemaran daripada kilang penyelenggara mesin dan jentera di Sungai Gong, Rawang.

Kali ini, kesannya lebih teruk apabila 1,292 kawasan di tujuh wilayah sekitar Lembah Klang membabitkan 1.2 juta akaun dan lima juta pengguna mengalami gangguan bekalan air tidak berjaya.

Bayangkan betapa sukarnya cabaran menghadapi masalah ketiadaan air terutama keluarga besar, tinggal pula di rumah pangsa.

Malah, ketika naik lif untuk pulang ke rumah selepas bekerja malam kelmarin, saya terserempak dua kanak-kanak.

Mereka memberitahu terpaksa menumpang di rumah saudara kerana rumah mereka tiada air dan tidak dapat ke sekolah pagi semalam.

Selain menumpang mandi di rumah saudara-mara, ada yang

mendaftar masuk ke hotel di kawasan ada bekalan air.

Tidak kurang yang keluar dari Kuala Lumpur sama ada ke Port Dickson, Melaka atau Ipoh untuk menikmati hidup seperti biasa.

Manakala yang terus kekal di Lembah Klang, menerusi gambar di media sosial dan laporan rakan setugas, saya lihat mereka cekal beratur panjang menadah air dari lori tangki.

Atau menadah air bukit di Persiaran Mokhtar Dahari menghala Puncak Alam dan jelas, apa saja punca air dicari dan digunakan.

Belum lagi berebut mencari air mineral di pasar raya dan premis lain dan bagi yang berkesempatan mendapatkan stok, mereka terpaksa berjimat mandi dengan air mineral, selain digunakan untuk memasak dan minum.

Itu sebahagian haru-biru dan keributan berlaku kepada warga kota akibat tiada air yang menjadi sumber penting dalam kehidupan seharian.

Natijahnya, empat beradik pemilik kilang yang menjadi punca pencemaran kali ini sudah ditahan dan direman enam hari sehingga lusa.

Siasatan mendapati kilang terbabit pernah dikompaun RM60,000 pada Mac lalu kerana melakukan kesalahan sama.

Lebih teruk lagi, ia didapati beroperasi tanpa lesen sejak 2014.

Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS) mengesahkan sudah dua kali meminta pemilik kilang terbabit membuat permohonan lesen selepas dikesan beroperasi sejak enam tahun lalu, tetapi mereka degil.

Selain beroperasi tanpa lesen, kilang dipercayai sering menjalankan pelbagai aktiviti perniagaan lain itu turut membina struktur bangunan dalam kawasan premis tanpa kebenaran MPS.

Kenapa mereka berani terus membuat salah dan berdegil? Pertama, denda RM60,000 itu mungkin sedikit.

Kedua, mudah kerana lokasi di tepi sungai dan boleh terus buang sisa dalam sungai.

Pada masa sama, jimat kerana tidak perlu keluar kos lain termasuk pengangkutan untuk membuang sisa dan motif utama dirikan kilang di tepi sungai sudah pasti untuk melupuskan sisanya dengan mudah.

Alhamdulillah, terima kasih kepada mereka yang bersenggang mata, bertungkus-lumus memastikan bekalan air kembali pulih secara berperingkat.

Sudah pasti ada yang tidak cukup rehat, kurang tidur dan ini wira tidak didendam sebenar.

Itu lebih baik berbanding sesetengah mereka yang menjadikan kepayahan ini sebagai modal politik, menghemtam sana sini dan mencari salah.

Padahal, antara mereka jugalah yang menentang Projek Langat 2 untuk mendapatkan bekalan air dari Pahang, sekali gus mengatasi krisis air di Selangor.

Malu pula rasanya apabila berstatus negeri maju dan tinggal di kawasan ibu kota, tetapi bekalan air kerap terputus dan sudah pasti, kejadian ini bukan acara tahunan yang menggembarakan!

Penulis Penolong Pengarang Berita, Harian Metro



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MB Selangor mohon maaf isu lori tangki air

SHAH ALAM – Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari memohon maaf kepada rakyat Selangor berhubung tindakan isterinya, Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad yang memuat naik gambar kehadiran sebuah lori tangki air Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. (Air Selangor) ke kediaman rasmi mereka kelmarin.

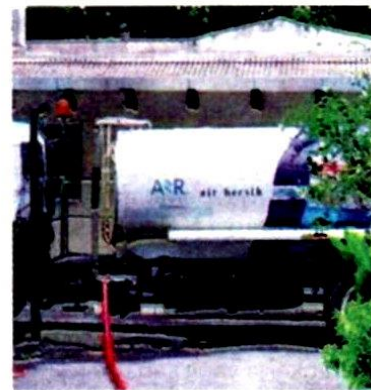
Menurut Amirudin, tindakan yang dilakukan oleh isterinya itu adalah untuk menzahirkan penghargaan terhadap syarikat itu yang menghantar bantuan air ke rumahnya.

“Beliau hanya nak sampaikan rasa gembiranya terhadap bantuan air yang diberikan Air Selangor, setelah seharian menunggu bantuan datang.

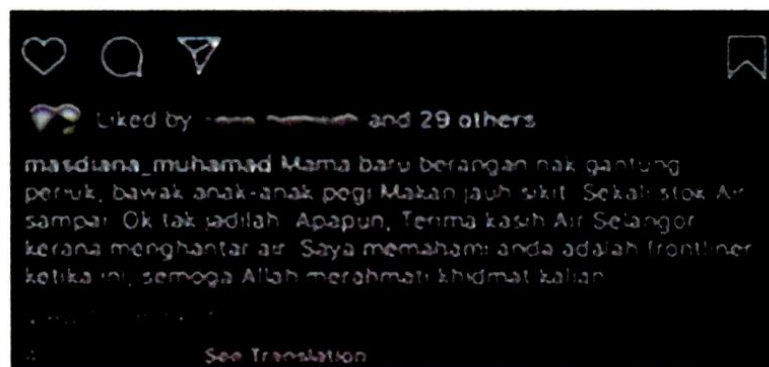
“Tapi perkara ini menjadi modal bagi sesetengah pihak untuk menyerang saya, tapi tak apalah saya dan isteri mohon maaf,” katanya pada sidang akhbar selepas program Dialog Belanjawan negeri Selangor 2021 di Pusat Perdagangan Setia City di sini semalam.

Sabtu lalu, Masdiana menerusi akaun Instagram miliknya telah memuat naik gambar sebuah lori tangki air Air Selangor yang menghantar bantuan di kediamannya.

Bagaimanapun, gambar tersebut mendapatkan reaksi negatif daripada segelintir netizen yang beranggapan bahawa keluarga Amirudin mendapat layanan istimewa daripada Air Selangor.



GAMBAR dan status yang dimuat naik Masdiana di Instagram pada Sabtu lalu menimbulkan kritikan pelbagai pihak.





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Bengkel disyaki cemari Sungai Gong beroperasi secara haram

Oleh **RIDZAUDDIN ROSLAN**

KUALA LUMPUR – Sebuah kilang penyelenggaraan jentera yang disyaki mencemari Sungai Gong di Rawang dikesan beroperasi tanpa lesen atau tanpa kebenaran sejak enam tahun lalu.

Pengarah Jabatan Korporat, Majlis Perbandaran Selayang (MPS), Mohd. Zin Masoad berkata, pengurusan kilang itu juga tidak pernah membuat sebarang permohonan lesen daripada pihaknya sejak tahun 2014.

“Sepanjang beroperasi selama enam tahun, MPS sudah dua kali menyarankan pengurusan kilang itu untuk membuat lesen.

“MPS turut menyerahkan notis kepada kilang itu di bawah Seksyen 70(1) Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 ekoran kesalahan membina bangunan tanpa kebenaran,” katanya ketika dihubungi *Kosmo!* di sini semalam.

Katanya, pihak syarikat berkenaan diberi tempoh selama tiga hari untuk mengemukakan dokumen berkaitan kepada MPS sebelum tindakan roboh dilaksanakan.

“Selain itu, Pejabat Daerah Tanah (PDT) Gombak turut me-



MOHAMAD ZIN menampal notis di kilang penyelenggaraan jentera yang disyaki menjadi punca pencemaran Sungai Gong di Rawang semalam.

nyerahkan Borang 7A (Notis Untuk Memulih Pelanggaran Syarat) atas kesalahan melanggar syarat guna tanah,” ujarinya.

Terdahulu, MPS bersama PDT Gombak dan Jabatan Alam Sekitar melakukan pemeriksaan di 15 buah kilang sekitar Sungai Gong, Rawang bagi memastikan kilang beroperasi dengan sah serta mematuhi syarat.

Hasil pemeriksaan, MPS

mengeluarkan Notis Pemuatan Syarat Lesen Premis Perniagaan MPS 2020 kepada lima buah kilang, manakala empat daripadanya ditarik lesen.

Kosmo! sebelum ini melaporkan kira-kira lima juta penduduk sekitar Lembah Klang terjejas selepas terputus bekalan air sejak Jumaat lalu ekoran penutupan Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Sungai Selangor.



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Setiap kuantiti pembuangan bahan beracun ke sungai akan direkodkan

Meter khas kesan sisa tercemar

Oleh MOHD. YUNUS YAKKUB

SHAH ALAM – Semua kilang industri di negeri ini bakal menggunakan meter khas bagi mengetahui jumlah pembuangan sisa-sisa kumbahan yang boleh menjejaskan alam sekitar.

Pengarah Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS), Datuk Ir. Hashim Osman berkata, kaedah baharu itu juga memudahkan pengesanan pihak yang terlibat dalam mencemarkan sungai.

"Apabila pemeriksaan dilakukan, kita akan mengetahui kuantiti pembuangan sisa dan setiap jumlah sisa yang dilepaskan akan dibayar oleh pemilik kilang.

"Cara ini juga secara langsung akan memudahkan operasi pengesanan kilang-kilang yang melakukan pencemaran di satu-satu kawasan industri," katanya.

Terdahulu, penduduk di Lembah Klang mengalami gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual sejak Khamis lalu melibatkan 1,292 kawasan.

Siasatan mendapati gangguan itu berpunca daripada pencemaran bau ekoran tindakan sebuah kilang yang melepaskan bahan



HASHIM



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PEMBUANGAN sisa tercemar ke sungai akan dipantau menerusi penggunaan meter khas. – GAMBAR HIASAN

pelarut ke dalam Sungai Gong sehingga menyebabkan empat loji rawatan air (LRA) di Sungai Selangor dihenti tugas.

Dalam pada itu, Hashim berkata, semua kilang di Selangor juga bakal melaksanakan pembuangan sifar atau zero discharge sisa kumbahan di sungai dalam masa terdekat.

Katanya, perkara yang masih dalam kajian itu akan mengke-

hendaki setiap kilang melakukan kitar semula sisa air kumbahan mereka.

"Perkara itu telah dibuktikan semasa dalam tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) apabila tiada kilang beroperasi dan sungai seperti Sungai Klang dan Penchala bersih dan cantik.

"LUAS telah membangkitkan cadangan ini kepada kerajaan negeri dan meminta kita mengkaji

dengan terperinci pelaksanaannya," katanya.

Beliau menambah, pihaknya juga akan melaksanakan Rakan Sungai pada 26 September ini yang akan disempurnakan oleh Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

Ujarnya, setakat ini 42 komuniti telah bersetuju menjadi rakan sungai terutama mereka yang tinggal di tepi sungai.



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Isteri MB Selangor bantu agih air kepada penduduk

KLANG - Selepas kontroversi gambar yang dimuat naik dalam laman sosial sebelum ini, isteri kepada Menteri Besar Selangor, Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad turun padang mengagihkan bantuan air kepada penduduk di Pangsapuri Golden Villa di sini semalam.

Menerusi perkongsian di laman Facebook rasmi Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Sentosa, G Gunaraj, penduduk di kawasan terlibat menerima agihan bekalan air dan air minuman sebagai meringankan masalah gangguan bekalan air yang dihadapi penduduk di sini sejak Khamis lalu.

“Pagi ini (semalam) saya bersama Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad memberi bantuan air minuman dan bekalan air mentah daripada Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) di Pangsapuri Golden Villa.

“Terima kasih juga kepada Team Selangor yang memberi sumbangan makanan asas kepada

penduduk,” kata Gunaraj menerusi catatan dalam Facebook berkenaan.

Sebelum ini, timbul kontroversi apabila Masdiana memuat naik foto lori tangki Air Selangor berada di kediaman rasmi Menteri Besar Selangor di Shah Alam dan ahli keluarganya sedang mandi di kolam renang di kediaman berkenaan.

Gambar yang tular itu mengundang rasa kurang senang netizen berikutan berjuta-juta rakyat Selangor sedang berdepan krisis bekalan air.

Susulan itu, Masdiana tampil membuat permohonan maaf berhubung tindakannya kelmarin.

Menerusi satu kenyataan, Masdiana mengakui kekhilafan beliau memuat naik gambar tersebut yang menimbulkan banyak tafsiran.

Beliau bagaimanapun menafikan dakwaan bahawa lori tangki itu dihantar untuk memenuhi kolam renang di kediaman rasmi tersebut.

FOTO: FB ADUN SENTOSA



Masdiana (tiga dari kiri) bersama Gunaraj membantu membuat agihan air kepada penduduk di Pangsapuri Golden Villa, Klang semalam.



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MENTERI BESAR, ISTERI MOHON MAAF KEPADA RAKYAT SELANGOR



Masdiana Muhamad
 Assalamualaikum dan Salam Sejahtera. Saya memohon kekhilafan & jika saya telah memuat naik gambar tersebut yang memuatkan banyak kekhilafan. Datuk Menteri yang baik itu dibantu untuk memuatkan gambar yang tersebut adalah baik sama-sama kita. Selangor memang itu juga sama juga menyayangi kita berbilang kekhilafan berbilang. Untuk itu, saya memohon maaf kepada semua pihak. Permohonan maaf oleh Masdiana yang dibuat menerusi media sosial kehiantan.

Masdiana (bengali)
 menyampaikan sambutan 833 botol air memuatkan dan air memuat daripada pihak pengurusan Air Selangor kepada penghidup Pengasap Gokken Villa, Klang semalam diiringi Jdt Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Semantan, G. Ganesh (Ibu datu khaman).

DATUK Seri Amirudin Shari dan isterinya Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad memohon maaf atas tindakan mereka memuat naik gambar sebuah lori tangki air Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) yang menghantar bekalan air ke kediaman rasmi Menteri Besar Selangor di Shah Alam kelmarin menerusi akaun media sosial. Gambar tersebut mendapat reaksi negatif daripada netizen yang beranggapan keluarga Amirudin mendapat layanan istimewa daripada Air Selangor ketika lima juta rakyat negeri itu dan Kuala Lumpur sedang dalam kesusahan menghadapi gangguan bekalan air. Menurut Amirudin, tindakan yang dilakukan oleh isterinya itu adalah untuk menzahirkan penghargaan terhadap syarikat itu kerana menghantar bantuan air ke rumahnya. Sementara itu, Masdiana mengakui kekhilafan memuat naik gambar tersebut yang menimbulkan banyak tafsiran namun menafikan dakwaan bahawa lori tangki tersebut dihantar untuk memenuhi kolam renang di kediaman rasmi itu.

“Isteri saya sudah memohon maaf semalam dan apa yang dilakukan beliau adalah untuk menyampaikan rasa gambarnya terhadap bantuan air yang diberikan Air Selangor selepas sebulan menunggu bantuan dalam” - kata Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari selepas program Dialog Belanjawan Selangor 2021 di Setia Alam semalam.

■ BENGKEL CEMARI SUNGAI GONG BEROPERASI SECARA HARAM SEJAK 2014 **■ DUA PEKERJA KILANG DIREMAN 6 HARI BANTU SIASATAN PENCEMARAN SUNGAI GONG, RAWANG**

MB Selangor tampil mohon maaf

Susulan penuluran gambar yang dimuat naik isterinya pada Sabtu lalu



Oleh **ASYRAF MUHAMMAD**
SHAH ALAM

Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari memohon maaf kepada rakyat Selangor susulan penuluran gambar yang dimuat naik oleh isterinya, Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad pada Sabtu lalu. Menurut Amirudin, tindakan isterinya itu bertujuan menzahirkan penghargaan terhadap Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) yang menghantar bantuan bekalan air ke rumahnya. Bagaimanapun, beliau berkata, perkara itu telah menjadi modal buat sesetengah pihak untuk menyertanginya. “Tapi tak apalah, saya dan isteri mohon maaf dan harap perkara ini tidak dipanjangkan. “Beliau (Masdiana) hanya nak sampaikan rasa gembira



Permohonan maaf oleh Masdiana yang dibuat menerusi laman sosial kehiantan.

sebuah lori tangki Air Selangor sedang menghantar bantuan di kediamannya. Namun begitu, gambar tersebut mendapat reaksi negatif daripada segelintir pihak yang beranggapan bahawa keluarga Amirudin mendapat layanan istimewa. Susulan itu, Masdiana turut memohon maaf berhubung tindakannya itu yang didakwa mengugris hati rakyat ketika berdepan isu gangguan bekalan air di Selangor. Dalam pada itu, Amirudin berkata, kerajaan Selangor tidak mempunyai kuasa bagi mengambil tindakan sebat atau lucut hak terhadap individu yang terlibat dengan pencemaran sungai di negeri ini. “Tapi Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 mempunyai bidang kuasa lebih luas,” katanya.



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Pasukan khas tangani pencemaran sungai

SHAH ALAM - Kerajaan Selangor digesa menubuhkan pasukan petugas untuk menangani isu pencemaran air di negeri ini, tegas Ahli Parlimen Klang, Charles Santiago.

Bekas Pengerusi Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Nasional (SPAN) itu turut meminta kerajaan negeri lebih proaktif dengan memastikan Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) memainkan peranan lebih efektif dalam memantau dan menguatkuasakan undang-undang.

“Air adalah bawah bidang kuasa Persekutuan dan Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) berada di bawah Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air. Tetapi Selangor seharusnya proaktif dengan memastikan LUAS mengambil peranan penguatkuasaan dan pemantauan yang berkesan kerana gangguan air sering terjadi.

“Menteri Besar (Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari) sepatutnya meminta lebih banyak perbelanjaan, petugas dan logistik untuk memastikan tugas seperti itu dapat dilakukan,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Santiago berkata, pasukan petugas itu bertujuan untuk menghentikan pencemaran sungai dan sumber air yang memerlukan kajian semula dasar dan peraturan sedia ada.

“Amirudin mesti menubuhkan pasukan petugas yang terdiri daripada pihak berkepentingan untuk mengenal pasti dan membuat pindaan undang-undang tertentu di Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Selangor dalam masa 30 hari ke depan dan mengemukakan isu peraturan dengan kerajaan Persekutuan.

“Pasukan itu juga harus mengenal pasti isu kelulusan, pelesenan dan pemantauan serta mengemukakan peraturan baharu dan memperkuatkan badan pengawasan,” katanya.

Charles berkata, rakyat sudah muak dengan janji yang dibuat kerajaan negeri untuk memulihkan keadaan.



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Pemilik kilang tidak pernah mohon lesen operasi

RAWANG - Pemilik kilang jentera berat yang disyaki menjadi punca pencemaran air di Sungai Gong di sini perlu mengemukakan dokumen kebenaran pembinaaan dalam tempoh tiga hari kepada Majlis Perbandaran Selangor (MPS) atau berdepan tindakan perobohan.

Pengarah Jabatan Korporat MPS, Mohamad Zin Masoad berkata, MPS mengeluarkan notis di bawah Seksyen 70(1) Akta Jalan, Parit dan Bangunan 1974 terhadap kilang itu kerana mendirikan bangunan tanpa kebenaran.

Menurutnya, kilang tersebut juga pernah diberikan notis pada Mac lalu kerana menjalankan perniagaan tanpa lesen.

“Pemilik kilang tersebut tidak pernah memohon lesen malah selepas menerima notis pada Mac lalu, pemiliknya tidak tampil membuat permohonan lesen untuk meneruskan perniagaan secara sah.

“Status tanah kilang itu tiada masalah kerana milik persendirian dan untuk kegunaan industri tetapi beroperasi tanpa kebenaran,” katanya ketika pemeriksaan



Mohamad Zin (kanan) menunjukkan notis tindakan yang dikenakan ke atas pemilik sebuah kilang di Rawang semalam.

kilang tanpa lesen di sekitar Rawang semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, kilang tersebut adalah antara 308 perusahaan industri yang beroperasi tanpa kelulusan dan tersenarai dalam bancian proses pemutihan bagi kawasan MPS yang diperolehi dari tahun 2012.

“MPS akan memanggil kesemua pengusaha kilang berkenaan pada Jumaat ini untuk membuat proses pemutihan kerana kita mahu mereka menjalankan perniagaan mengikut undang-undang.

“Sebanyak 50 pengusaha daripada 308 kilang yang tiada kelulusan ini telah memohon lesen dan diluluskan. Tempoh pemutihan tamat pada 31 Disember ini sebelum penguatkuasaan lanjut di atas akta berkaitan dilakukan,” katanya.

Mohamad Zin berkata, MPS akan mengeluarkan lesen selepas pengusaha terlibat mematuhi syarat-syarat yang ditetapkan termasuk mendapat kelulusan daripada Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) serta Jabatan Balai Bomba dan Penyelamat (JBPM).



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KASA cadang kerjasama antara ATM, PDRM cegah pencemaran alam sekitar

Oleh MOHD IZZATUL IZUAN TAHIR

KUALA SELANGOR

Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air (KASA) bercadang menubuhkan Unit Jenayah Alam Sekitar memabatkan Angkatan Tentera Malaysia (ATM) dan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) dalam masa terdekat.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man berkata, perkara itu sudah dibincangkan dengan Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

“Secara dasarnya, Kementerian Pertahanan telah bersetuju untuk meletakkan KASA di bawah sektor keselamatan.

“Isu berkaitan air dan alam sekitar dilihat berpotensi menjejaskan keselamatan negara terutamanya ekonomi dan kesejahteraan rakyat,” katanya selepas melakukan lawatan di Loji Rawatan Air Sungai Selangor Fasa 1 (LRA SSP1) Jalan Bukit Badong di sini semalam.

Tuan Ibrahim berkata, perkara itu juga akan dibawa kepada pengetahuan Menteri Dalam Negeri, Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin untuk tindakan lan-



Tuan Ibrahim (tiga dari kanan) melakukan lawatan ke Loji Rawatan Air Sungai Selangor Fasa 1 di Bestari Jaya semalam. Turut hadir Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air, Datuk Seri Ir Dr Zaini Ujang (empat dari kanan).

jut.

“Unit yang ditubuhkan ini akan menyelaraskan tindakan bersama antara agensi penguat kuasa KASA dengan ATM dan PDRM,” katanya.

Pada masa ini, ujarnya, tindakan penguatkuasaan hanya dilakukan di peringkat kementerian menerusi Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS).

“Agensi (penguatkuasaan) sudah ada, namun memerlukan sokongan agensi lain supaya penguatkuasaan dapat diperkasakan

“Penglibatan polis dan agensi lain penting bagi memastikan jenayah pencemaran tidak berlaku pada masa depan,” katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, bekalan air di semua kawasan terjejas di Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur berikutan pencemaran di Sungai Gong, Rawang yang menyebabkan empat LRA dihenti tugas dijangka pulih sepenuhnya Rabu ini.

“Sebahagian besar kawasan sudah menerima bekalan air secara berpe-

ringkat-peringkat dan hanya sebilangan kecil kawasan masih dalam proses pemulihan.

“Insya-ALLAH keseluruhan bekalan (akan) dapat diselesaikan pada jam 6 pagi, 9 September ini,” katanya.

Tuan Ibrahim berkata, kertas siasatan berhubung kejadian pencemaran di Sungai Gong itu dijangka siap dalam waktu terdekat.

“Siasatan akan dijalankan melalui JAS dan Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN),” katanya.



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MERAK Jalanan setuju dengan peringatan yang diberikan polis kepada penunggang basikal supaya menekankan aspek keselamatan dan tidak menyusahkan pengguna jalan raya yang lain.

Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan dan Penguatkuasaan Trafik (JSPT) Bukit Aman, Datuk Azisman Alias dilaporkan berkata, penunggang basikal terutama yang berkumpul perlu mengelak melalui jalan yang sibuk serta memilih laluan sesuai supaya keselamatan semua

pengguna jalan raya terjamin.

Merak Jalanan perhatikan ada sege-lintir kumpulan penunggang basikal yang melakukan aktiviti di laluan yang berbahaya seperti kawasan utama laluan jentera berat, kawasan lebuhraya dan lokasi kerap berlaku kemalangan.

Merak Jalanan pun sering terserempak dengan penunggang basikal yang sering berkayuh secara berkumpul dan ada juga yang membawa anak kecil.

Seorang rakan Merak Jalanan pun

ada yang telah menjadi mangsa apabila dilanggar oleh penunggang motosikal.

Akibat kemalangan itu, rakan Merak Jalanan cedera dan masih terkesan dengan insiden itu serta tidak mahu lagi menunggang basikal.

Rakan Merak Jalanan juga setuju penunggang basikal sepatutnya memilih laluan yang selamat kerana statistik kemalangan jalan raya yang sedia tinggi tidak seharusnya ditambah lagi dengan kes kemalangan melibatkan pe-

nunggang basikal.

Malah dalam usaha untuk mengurangkan risiko kemalangan, pihak berkuasa tempatan perlu menyediakan laluan khas untuk penunggang basikal seperti yang dilaksanakan di luar negara dan di kawasan Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA).

Dengan menyediakan laluan khas kepada penunggang basikal, ia sedikit sebanyak dapat menggalakkan lagi orang ramai melakukan aktiviti tersebut dalam suasana yang selamat.

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Pemilik kilang akan didakwa di mahkamah

Masih beroperasi walaupun sudah dipotong bekalan air dan elektrik

Oleh NUR FARHANA ABDUL MANAN

HULU SELANGOR

Pengusaha sebuah kilang melebur *motherboard* (papan litar bercetak) di kawasan Perindustrian Zurah di sini bakal didakwa di mahkamah kerana masih berdegil meneruskan operasi secara haram walaupun bekalan air dan elektrik sudah dipotong dalam operasi penguatkuasaan sebelum ini.

Bahagian Korporat Majlis Daerah Hulu Selangor (MDHS) berkata, kilang berkenaan didapati menggunakan generator ketika serbuan Operasi Penguatkuasaan Kilang Kitar Semula dilaksanakan bersama Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) dan polis baru-baru ini.

Menurut kenyataan itu, kilang tersebut pernah dikenakan tindakan penutupan oleh MDHS pada 10 Mei hingga 24 Mei lalu dan masih dalam tempoh penggantungan lesen perniagaan.

“Pihak MDHS akan membuka kertas siasatan untuk tin-



Kilang melebur *motherboard* di kawasan Perindustrian Zurah, Hulu Selangor yang dikesan masih beroperasi walaupun bekalan air dan elektrik sudah dipotong sebelum ini.

dakan pendakwaan ke atas premis,” menurut kenyataan itu di sini semalam.

Sementara itu, dalam operasi berlainan MDHS memaklumkan sebuah kilang kitar semula di Jalan Jejarum, Bukit Beruntung disita kerana menjalankan aktiviti kitar semula plastik.

Katanya, premis itu tidak mempunyai kelulusan Laporan Penilaian Impak Alam Sekitar (EIA) daripada JAS dan beroperasi tanpa lesen perniagaan yang sah dari MDHS.

“Ketika pemeriksaan dijalankan, kilang tersebut turut didapati melepaskan sisa effluen ke dalam sistem perparitan di bawah seliaan MDHS.

“JAS mengambil tindakan mengunci dua unit mesin *extruder* dan menampal notis Makluman Penahanan Operasi Ke-

lengkapan di bawah Seksyen 38(1)(a), Akta 127. Dua unit *forklift* dan aset boleh alih di dalam premis pula disita MDHS di bawah Undang-undang Kecil (UUK) 38(1) Undang Kecil Pelesenan Tred, Perniagaan dan Perindustrian MDHS 2007,” menurut kenyataan itu.

Kenyataan itu turut memaklumkan, MDHS akan bekerjasama dengan Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) dan Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd bagi memastikan pemotongan bekalan elektrik dan air dilaksanakan bagi mengelakkan premis beroperasi semula.

“Kita tidak akan berkompromi dengan perkara ini dan tindakan penguatkuasaan akan diambil jika terdapat premis yang melakukan kesalahan tersebut,” menurut kenyataan itu.



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THE heavy machinery maintenance factory at the Sungai Gong Industrial Area in Rawang alleged to have caused the recent river pollution that led to the sudden water cuts on Thursday has been issued a notice for constructing structures without Selayang Municipal Council's (MPS) approval.

According to the local authority, the owners had three days to show proof that they had obtained approvals from the council to build structures on the land or conduct business at the factory.

Failing which, MPS would carry out demolition of the structures at the factory.

MPS Corporate Communications director Mohamad Zin Masoad said this was one of the actions that could be taken against illegal factories and other businesses in the municipality.

"Based on our records, this factory has been operating since 2014 and was involved in the maintenance of heavy machinery," he told a media conference yesterday. He also said that in a census

carried out since 2012, 308 unlicensed factories were identified in their jurisdiction, from a total of 5,821 factories.

"Of the 308, only 50 operators had legalised their businesses, while the rest have not.

"In line with the Selangor government's directive, we are carrying out a programme to legalise operations," he said during a joint operation to check factories in Rawang.

Mohamad Zin said in the case of the factory said to be involved in the odour pollution, the operators had failed to make attempts to legalise their operations nor obtained approval to build structures on the land.

"We issued them with a compound in March this year for carrying out business without a licence but they continued to operate," he said.

“This is one of the actions that can be taken against illegal factories and other businesses in the municipality.

Mohamad Zin Masoad

MPS Enforcement Department director Norhayati Ahmad added that the operators had not cooperated with enforcement officers during follow-up checks.

"They would not allow our officers to enter the premises," she said.

During the operation, 15 factories operating along or near Sungai Gong were inspected by the authorities, including the Gombak District and Land Office and Department of Environment (DOE).

Of the 15 factories, four had their licences revoked for conducting additional activities without approval while one office business was found to be operating without a licence.

All action was taken under Trade, Business and Industry (MPS) 2007 by-law.

The notice was served under Section 70 (1) of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 for building structures without approval.

On the factory legalisation programme, Mohamad Zin said a briefing session with the operators involved would be carried out

this Friday.

"This will be their last chance at legalising their businesses before we take action.

"We will brief them on the procedure and guidelines needed, as well as direct them to other agencies such as the DOE and Fire and Rescue Department, if needed.

"At our level, we have made the application process easier. So there is no reason for them to not apply," he said.

Last week, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari instructed the owners of the factory suspected of being the source of the odour pollution that caused four Sungai Selangor water treatment plants (LRA) to suspend operations.

Over 1.2 million residents in the Klang Valley have had to cope without water for a few days.



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Tougher stance

Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) officials have issued a notice to the factory operators who were implicated in the odour pollution of Sungai Gong, Rawang. They have three days to show proof they had approval to build on the land. (Bottom) Sueriani Hasan, a resident at the Taman Chi Liung flats in Klang, carrying two pails of water up to her friend's unit on the fifth floor during the water cut which was caused by the pollution. See story in Metro GKV or TheStar.com.my – KK SHAM and AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

Throw the book at 'em

The fallout from the Klang Valley water pollution crisis continues, with no less than the King calling for heavier punishment for the culprits whose action affected millions of consumers. This comes as experts call for a single federal agency to manage the country's precious water resources.
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Broga Hill facing soil degradation

Influx of visitors threatens biodiversity, authorities to step in to preserve attraction

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BROGA Hill in Semenyih, Selangor is said to be the most popular spot among amateur hikers in Klang Valley.

Its accessible location has attracted many cityfolk who leave the trail to its peak to enjoy the sunset view every day. The hike takes an average of 45 minutes.

However, a surge in the number of visitors in recent years has put a strain on the hill's natural characteristics and threatened its biodiversity.

Higher foot traffic has caused soil erosion while rubbish discarded by irresponsible visitors has dirtied the site.

This has caught the attention of the National Landscape Department (NLD) which is in charge of natural landscape preservation and interventions to arrest the hill's environmental decline.

The agency was urged in Klang Municipal Council (MKC) which had proposed that Broga be turned into an eco-tourism spot as part of the local council's 2016-2020 landscape masterplan.

MPK public relations head Kamardil Idris Sulaiman said, "The council has initiated the proposal to develop Broga with co-operation from NLD which will handle the proposal."

"Due to its proximity to major townships and accessibility make Broga a good spot for tourists."

Areas of focus

JLN director-general Ruzita Mohd Daud said the "carrying capacity" of Broga needed serious attention, which she said had caused the area and degraded the site.

"There is also a lack of amenities for public use, which also affects the hill's condition," she added.

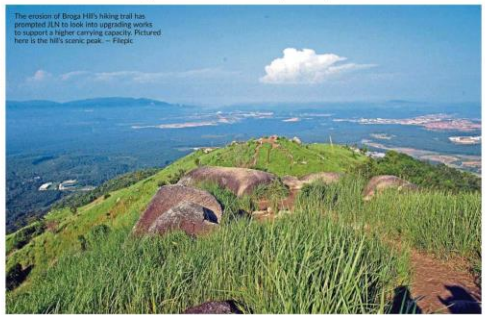
Meanwhile, Kamardil said littering and vandalism were common problems at Broga, citing the lack of civic responsibility and sense of ownership among visitors as the reason.

Broga said a management plan was being drafted, focusing on several issues.

"The plan will detail strategies and actions to be taken by relevant parties, including hikers, to ensure Broga's natural characteristics are preserved."

"However, the suggestions being looked at are the upgrading of the hiking trail to reduce erosion and the planting of organic plant species to enhance Broga's ecology."

But said if the initiative was to be carried out, it would require engagement with the state government, Hala Lintang Land and



Shauffa Sabrena: Strict guidelines must be enforced on visitors who should be briefed on the do's and don'ts before hiking the hill.



A family surprised to find Broga Hill has been sealed off to the public. The closure was ordered by the Health Ministry after reports that earlier visitors failed to comply with the Covid-19 guidelines. — SAMUEL ONG/The Star

Diater Office as well as MPK.

"The plan is to lock-start the initiative in 2022, with the aim of preserving this recreational area in its original condition for public use."

"Depending on the scale, size and complexity, rehabilitation efforts could take between 12 and 18 months," she said.

According to MPK, the land office would be tasked with monitoring the site.

"They will also generate the hill as a tourism spot before handing it over to us for maintenance," said Kamardil.

NGOs chime in

While environmental associations applauded the initiative by MPK and JLN, some came up with other suggestions.

Global Environment Centre director Faust Frank said it was crucial to plant suitable species on the hill.

"The authorities can look at adaptive forests as similar alternatives to identify the species to plant here."

"They should plant fast growing pioneer species first to create shade so that a more diverse range of species can grow under the canopy later."

The expert explained that the shade was to protect the forest growth from the "stress" of climate change.

"I can take about three to five years for pioneer species to grow enough to give shade, and it may take longer on degraded soils," he said.

Fauzi said the shade was also needed to aid the "fire-loving" lalang (*Imperata cylindrica*) species that could be found in abundance at Broga.

"Lalang is well adapted to thrive on degraded and infertile soils. Its abundance on Broga is a sign that the soil there has been degraded," he pointed out.

He said repeated wildfires, which lalang is prone to starting, would cause the soil to deteriorate, which in turn will erode the hill to rainwater that will wash away the uppermost layer.

"The uppermost 1cm to 3cm

layer is valuable because it contains the most organic nutrients and microorganisms that transport nutrients from the soil to the tree roots."

"Once this layer is removed, which led to the underside which has less nutrient and microorganisms," he elaborated.

Fauzi explained that lalang, when burned, would spread near by as burning causes more of the species to spread up in a week.

"The best from the burning will also kill microorganisms in the soil."

"This is why it is important to plant pioneer species as shade for the area to deprive the lalang of the sunlight it needs to thrive," he added.

Meanwhile, Perbadanan Pelindungan Khazanah Alam nation

at chairman Puan Sri Shauffa Sabrena said Afd said the hill should be governed as a park.

"Strict guidelines must be enforced on visitors and they must be given a short course on the do's and don'ts before entering up the hill."

"Regular patrols by rangers is a must to ensure compliance and the area must be declared a non-smoking zone," she said.

The activist also urged the state and Federal governments to award more grants to local universities to conduct research in the area.

Health Ministry had ordered the local authorities to close off Broga after many visitors were reported to have failed in complying with the Covid-19 guidelines under the traditional movement control order.



Trails set for rehabilitation

Kajang Municipal Council plans to turn Broga Hill in Semenyih into an ecotourism spot. But the currently off-limits site needs to be restored first, to preserve its natural characteristics while enhancing its biodiversity. >3



No entry. The public has been barred from entering Broga Hill by the Health Ministry after it found that many failed to follow the movement control order (MCO). — SAMUEL ONG/The Star



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Preventing future water disruptions

Selangor steps up efforts to stop pollution and avoid unscheduled supply cut

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SELANGOR will be looking into expanding their existing river database to cover wider areas in its efforts to prevent future major water cuts from happening again because of water pollution.

According to Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari, the odour pollution was traced to Sungai Gong in Rawang.

Sungai Gong is a tributary of Sungai Sembah, which in turn is a main tributary of Sungai Selangor.

"Moving forward, we have to tighten and expand our network and database to cover all scenarios.

"As you can see, this pollution actually started from a smaller river, which is Sungai Gong," Amirudin said during a press conference after the launch of Selangor Budget 2021 Dialogue at Setia City Convention Centre in Shah Alam.

He said that future developments close to rivers would also have to be looked at more closely and that all aspects needed to be scrutinised before planning permits were issued.

"All applications for development in the vicinity of rivers must also go through Selangor Water Management Authority (Luas) and the agency will give its feedback.

"We are still actively carrying out operations to weed out illegal and unlicensed factories and ensure all the rest are licensed and in compliance with regulations," he said, adding that this exercise would continue until year-end.

Amirudin noted that Luas also had a team of experts who were working on ways to prevent future water cuts from occurring



The latest supply disruption affected 1.2 million account holders in the Klang Valley. — Filepic

because of pollution.

"We have three former Drainage and Irrigation Department heads, two academics who specialise in the water industry and river activists.

"However, we need the cooperation of the people too, especially against irresponsible parties who pollute the rivers and manholes," he said.

He cited previous cases where those responsible for causing pollution were found guilty of dumping waste into manholes.

"Warnings have been given time and time again but to no avail, so we will be stepping up enforcement and increase monitoring to ensure this does not happen again," he assured.

In terms of punishment, Amirudin said it was out of his hands as other agencies such as the Environment Department (DOE) could make a better case with the Environment Act.

"For our part, we will compile data and proof of wrongdoing and work with DOE to solve the matter.

"Punishment is decided by the court or DOE," he said.

The latest water supply disruption affected about 1.2 million account holders in the Klang Valley.

On a separate matter, Amirudin hoped that the misunderstanding caused by his wife on social media over the weekend would be laid to rest as she had

already apologised.

His wife Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad had posted two photographs on her social media account, one of an Air Selangor water tanker and the other of the swimming pool at their home.

These photographs sparked anger and criticism among netizens, who said this was inappropriate especially during a major water disruption in the state.

"My wife has apologised for her post and the water tanker was not there to fill up our pool.

"She just wanted to express how happy and thankful she is that the water tanker came with clean water after waiting for almost a day," he said.



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Amirudin (left) kicking off the Selangor Budget 2021 dialogue session at Setia City Convention Centre in Shah Alam.

State budget to focus on rebuilding economy

SELANGOR'S budget for 2021 will focus on rebuilding the economy and certain sectors such as tourism, as part of its post-pandemic recovery plan.

As many local businesses, small and medium enterprises, and tourism players have been badly hit by the movement control order (MCO), the state will focus on helping those sectors.

"We will focus on producing a creative economy, agriculture and tourism as we have to embrace and empower those sectors especially after this Covid-19 pandemic.

"There will be specific sessions to discuss those sectors in our budget dialogue, which has been planned since a few months back," said Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari at the Selangor Budget 2021 dialogue session.

Held at the Setia City Convention Centre in Shah Alam, the dialogue session saw participation of representatives from all local councils in Selangor as well as representatives from other government departments and stakeholders.

The dialogue session comprised five segments, which focused on agriculture and tourism, liveable cities and health, digitalisation and the urban poor, creative industries and new revenues for wealth.

"We will also be looking into digitalisation and technology as we want to ensure that it is accessible to all," said the Menteri Besar.

He explained how technology and digitalisation kept businesses afloat during the MCO as almost all industries had to transition and take their businesses and work online.

"It will not be easy to rebuild the economy but we are confident that we can work hard and strive to recover for the sake of all Selangor residents.

"Throughout this pandemic, we have proven to be a resilient state," he said.

During the dialogue session, there were also suggestions to look into ensuring there was social protection for all in the formal and informal sector.

This is to ensure even roadside traders who were not able to earn any income during the MCO had help, along with those who lost their jobs.

It was also mentioned during the dialogue that one in every three working adults in a low-cost flat had lost their jobs because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In light of this, there were proposals for the budget to also focus on providing education to all children and to focus on affordable living.



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DOE: No exclusive rights given to scheduled waste disposal

PETALING JAYA: There are no exclusive rights given in the licensing of premises that handle scheduled waste in the country, says the Department of Environment.

Director-general Norlin Jaafar says the department has issued licences for the reacquisition, management and scheduled disposal involving 406 licensed scheduled waste facilities and 343 waste transporters across the country to ensure the management of waste disposal remains effective and that they adhere to the Environment Quality Act 1974.

"DOE is not involved in fixing any costs in scheduled waste disposal, and any charge applied to the producer of the waste is fixed by the waste disposal businesses," she said in a statement yesterday.

Last week, nearly 1.2 million consumers in the Klang Valley were affected by a water cut after four treatment plants had to be shut down due to pollutants dumped into Sg Gong, which flows into Sungai Selangor.

The authorities have since traced the source of pollutants to a factory in Rawang and arrested six men to facilitate investigations.

Following this, a rumour was circulated, including on Facebook, claiming that government policy was to be blamed as companies purportedly had to engage only certain operators that were given the exclusive right to dispose of scheduled waste.

Norlin said all industries and sources that produced scheduled waste must handle it effectively in terms of notification, waste information, storage, labelling, inventory and movement information.

"All of these need to be recorded inside the system or via eSWIS (Electronic Schedule Waste System) in accordance with the requirements under the Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations 2005," she said.

She said exclusive rights which was once awarded by the government for the operation of the centralised integrated scheduled waste management centre, which was to Kualiti Alam Sdn Bhd for a period of 15 years beginning March 1, 2000, had expired on Feb 28, 2015.

"In this regard, the government plans to build five integrated waste management facilities in Johor, Perak, Terengganu, Sabah and Penang to ensure a better management of scheduled waste," she said.



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King calls for heavier punishment on river polluters

PETALING JAYA: The King has called for heavier punishment for the perpetrators who polluted Sg Gong and caused a major water disruption affecting millions of consumers in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur.

Istana Negara, in a statement, said Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah met Water and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man yesterday at Istana Negara and con-

veyed his views.

Comptroller of the Royal Household of Istana Negara Datuk Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin said the King was concerned that the people not only had to queue up for water supply from tankers but the economy too had suffered due to the water disruption.

"Sultan Abdullah regards the pollution as irresponsible as it is a repeat offence which has burdened millions of people in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor.

"He sympathised with those who have to queue up every time there is water disruption.

"Sultan Abdullah wants those responsible to be brought to justice and if found guilty, decisive action must be taken and heavier penalties imposed so that it will be a lesson for everyone to ensure the preservation of the environment and avoid river pollution which affects the lives of the people.

"Apart from stricter action, Sultan Abdullah also wants the authorities,

especially the Water and Environment Ministry, to monitor and implement laws to ensure such pollution can be controlled and not repeated," said the statement.

The King also lauded the action of the Selangor state government to evict the owner of the business which was suspected to have polluted Sg Gong, as the company did not have approval from the authorities to run its business there.

In the statement, Sultan Abdullah also said that environmental educa-

tion could be nurtured early in children through activities and charity programmes of cleaning up public places.

The Sungai Selangor Phase 1, 2, 3 and Rantau Panjang Water Treatment Plants were forced to stop operations last Thursday due to pollution at the raw water source.

Six suspects are currently in police remand over the cause of the pollution, said to be the alleged dumping of toxic solvents into the river illegally.



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Loud calls for single agency

Groups want one federal entity to manage water resources

PETALING JAYA: Better coordination between the federal and state governments is needed to overcome water woes, with some experts calling for a single federal agency to manage the country's precious water resources.

Association of Water and Energy Research Malaysia president S. Piarapakaran said there must be a central team of experts, at the federal level, to protect and prevent the pollution of our country's water resources.

"Yes, water resources fall under the state government's jurisdiction and the development plan eventually goes back to the local authorities."

"However, when we talk about pollution, this becomes a tricky area. We must remember that state governments are not resource-rich."

"They have limited resources to hire high-end technical teams and equipment. It will not be cost-effective for state governments to do so in silos," he said.

"Rivers which supply raw water for household consumption and agricultural use should be protected from all activities that can potentially cause pollution."

"We cannot allow risky operations at these locations. It is as simple as that. These are not new ideas," he said.

Ecotourism and Conservation Society Malaysia co-founder and chief executive officer Andrew Sebastian said a single federal authority should regulate rivers.

He said the protection of vital assets such as rivers and water catchment areas should not be politicised.

"A single federal agency to solely monitor, maintain and regulate water catchment areas, down to water supply, is sorely needed."

"Such an agency has to be given teeth where law and enforcement is concerned."

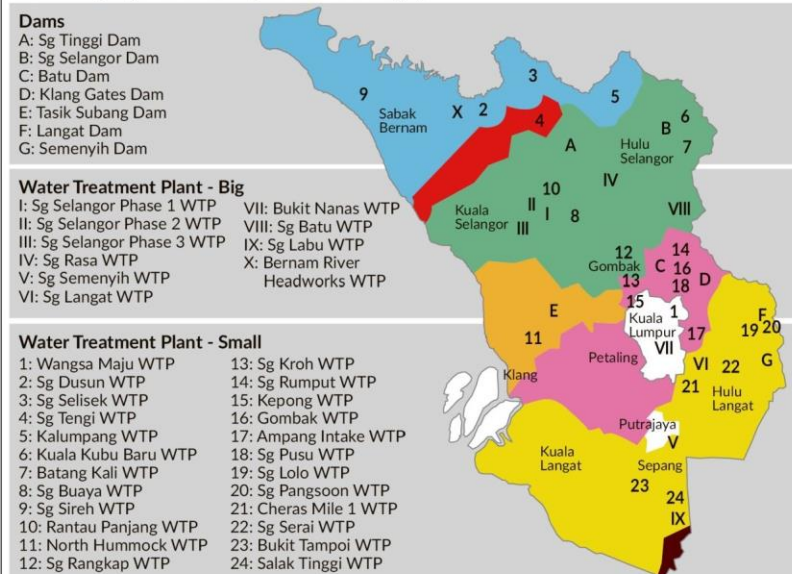
"Everything has to be regulated from restaurants to consumers, we can't allow restaurants to just pour cooking oil and dishwater down the drain," he said.

He said authorities should take measures, including monitoring entire water catchment areas, especially river basins, in order to protect them.

"There must be another way for industries to self-regulate with proper incentives followed by monitoring by the relevant authorities," said Sebastian.

Sahabat Alam Malaysia president Meenakshi Raman also called for the urgent establishment of a single, federal regulatory authority to seriously protect all rivers, as they were the nation's lifelines in the supply of water.

Location of Dams and Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya



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Sungai Bernam River Basin	Sungai Klang River Basin
Sungai Tenggi River Basin	Sungai Langat River Basin
Sungai Selangor River Basin	Sungai Sepang / Sepang Kecil River Basin
Sungai Buloh River Basin	

A-G: Dams **I-X: Big water treatment plants (>50 million litres per day)** **1-24: small water treatment plants (<50 million litres per day)**

Source: Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (Luas) TheStar graphics

"We reiterate this call which has been made in the past, in view of the major water disruption in the Klang Valley these past few days, caused by pollution from factory sources."

"As the Klang Valley water disruption incident has shown, about 1.2 million consumers have been adversely affected, and damage was also caused to many businesses, which were unable to operate without water."

"As is well known, currently there are too many agencies and authorities involved in the protection of rivers, and there is a lack of coordination between them," she said.

She added that piecemeal approaches, poor planning and a lack of strong enforcement measures would not work anymore, as exemplified by the Klang Valley disaster and the Sg Kim Kim disaster in Johor, not to mention other river

water pollution cases over the years.

Malaysian Water Forum president Saral James Maniam said having one federal agency was vital to manage and protect the water supply in the country.

"This must be a holistic management of the entire water supply chain, which includes regulation, management, enforcement and distribution," she said.

She added that having different bodies at both federal and state levels had made it a challenge to oversee proper water management in the country.

"We have seen, for instance, forests being cleared by the state government which supposedly followed the principle of sustainable development, but it actually affected water catchment areas."

"Was there any environmental impact study carried out before

allowing the factory to operate along the river basin which leads to a water treatment plant?" she said, referring to the latest incident of odour pollution involving four Sungai Selangor water treatment plants.

Global Environment Centre river care programme coordinator Dr K. Kalithasan said water resources must be seen as a joint responsibility and be treated as a matter of national security.

"We also need to enhance a more proactive role on enforcement, as well as monitoring."

"The community must be also empowered to be on the front lines on pollution monitoring," he said.



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Factory hands held over pollution of Sungai Gong

KUALA LUMPUR: The Selayang Magistrate's Court ordered two factory workers to be remanded for six days to help investigations into the pollution of Sungai Gong in Rawang that disrupted water supply for 1.2 million consumer accounts in the Klang Valley.

Magistrate Nik Mohd Fadli Nik Azlan issued the remand order against the two men, aged 20 and 57. They were brought to the Selayang Courts Complex after they were arrested at a premises in Jalan Batu Arang, Rawang.

They are being held under Section 430 of the Penal Code, which carries a jail term of between five and 30 years or a fine, or both, upon conviction.

Four factory managers, all brothers aged between 50 and 60, were remanded over the same issue. — Bernama



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Unit to be formed to tackle environmental crimes

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PETALING JAYA: An environmental crimes unit will be set up to tackle illegal activities that could harm the country's natural resources and threaten the people's well-being.

Environment and Water Minister Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said plans were in place to coordinate efforts between the ministry, police and the armed forces to protect precious resources from contamination.

"I have spoken to Senior Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob and will be speaking to Home Minister Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin about coordinating our efforts and set up the unit within the police force," he said.

He said Ismail Sabri had already agreed in principle to put the Environment and Water Ministry under the security cluster as any threats to natural resources could have detrimental effects on lives and the economy.

Tuan Ibrahim said this during his visit to the

“ We advise everyone to remain calm and not hoard too much water and not be influenced by false information on social media about another water cut. **”**

Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man

Air Selangor Water Treatment Plant in Bestari Jaya to get updates on water supply restoration efforts to households in the Klang Valley.

Last week, an unscheduled water cut affected 1,292 areas around the Klang Valley after the water source in Sungai Selangor was polluted.

The contamination was later traced to a factory in Rawang which conducted heavy machinery maintenance.

The factory was previously fined RM60,000 for committing a similar offence in March and it was discovered that unsystematic cleaning methods at the factory had caused contaminants to be washed into Sungai Gong, a tributary of Sungai Selangor.

Separately, Tuan Ibrahim said water had been restored to at least 91% of account holders and supply was expected to be fully restored by 6am today.

"Three phases of the Sungai Selangor plant have been filled up with their usual capacity of 2.7 billion litres of water a day to ensure supplies are quickly restored to affected households.

"We advise everyone to remain calm and not hoard too much water and not be influenced by false information on social media about another water cut.

"There is no need to panic," he said.



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Environment and Water Minister Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man (third from right) visiting the Sungai Selangor Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 in Bestari Jaya yesterday. With him is ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Zaini Ujang (fourth from right). BY RHAMA PHE

STRENGTHENING ENFORCEMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UNIT TO FIGHT POLLUTERS

Unit, under police jurisdiction, will involve cooperation between 3 ministries, says Tuan Ibrahim

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THE formation of an Environmental Crime Unit, a joint effort between three ministries, is under way to strengthen enforcement and monitor and fight environmental crime nationwide.

The unit will involve a tripartite cooperation between the Environment and Water Ministry, Defence Ministry and Home Ministry and will fall under the police's jurisdiction.

Environment and Water Minister Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan

Man said the formation of the unit was in progress following a meeting yesterday with Senior Defence Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, who has agreed in principle to the matter.

"I will also discuss this with the home minister (Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin) to coordinate a joint effort between the Environment and Water Ministry's enforcement agency, along with the armed forces and police.

"Our cooperation will lean towards the formation of the Environmental Crime Unit under the police.

"The senior defence minister has agreed for the Environment and Water Ministry to be placed under the security sector. This is considering that issues related to water and the environment have the potential to affect national security, especially the economy and wellbeing of the people if a disaster occurs.

"The police will function as a support system during enforce-

ment operations where they can assist efforts to maintain public order and charge those who cause disturbances."

Tuan Ibrahim was speaking after visiting the Sungai Selangor Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 here yesterday. Present was the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Zaini Ujang.

Tuan Ibrahim said the Department of Environment and the National Water Services Commission was finalising the investigation paper into the pollution incident caused by industrial effluents that flowed from a factory into Sungai Gong, Rawang, a tributary of Sungai Selangor.

The incident forced Air Selangor to halt operations at the Sungai Selangor Water Treatment Plants Phase 1, 2 and 3 and the Rantau Panjang Water Treatment Plant on Thursday.

This caused a massive disruption to water supply to some 1.2 million account holders in 1,292 areas in the Klang Valley.

Four people, aged 50 to 60, had been remanded for six days from Saturday to assist in the probe.

"The IP is being concluded under the Environmental Quality Act 1974 (Act 127) and the Water Services Industrial Act 2006 (Act 655). It is expected to be ready this Friday," Tuan Ibrahim said, adding that the ministry would expedite amendments to Act 127 and Act 655 and propose to bring it to the next parliamentary sitting.

He said he was granted an audience with Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah yesterday.

He said he briefed the king on the latest developments on the restoration of water supply to consumers in Selangor and KL.

"We thank the king for his concern on issues that affect the people. Tuanku also conveyed his appreciation to frontliners who worked hard to resolve the problem."

He said the progress of restoration works by Air Selangor had reached 75.31 per cent, involving 93.27 per cent of account holders.

"The Sungai Selangor Water Treatment Plants Phase 1, 2 and 3 are operating beyond capacity to distribute 2,900 million litres a day (MLD), compared with 2,700 MLD previously.

"We will resolve this by Wednesday at 6am at the latest. We expect

it to return to normal then."

Tuan Ibrahim thanked water operators in Melaka, Pahang, Johor, Kedah, Perak, Negri Sembilan and Terengganu, which had sent 19 water tankers to provide water to Selangor consumers.

Part of the ministry's medium-term plan was to produce a framework to place five surveillance stations along 20 primary rivers to monitor the water quality in real time.

Tuan Ibrahim said these stations would be able to issue early warnings that could lead to swifter enforcement by the Department of Environment and National Water Services Commission if water pollution was detected.

"The ministry will present to the cabinet a proposal paper to ensure that our raw water resources will not be contaminated and cause a disruption."

He said another measures was to expand the implementation of Project Takungan Air Pinggiran Sungai, where ponds would be created downstream and river-side to function as raw water storage and alternative resources.

He said the involvement of the community through the 10,000km National River Trail Programme and Rakan Alam Sekitar would be heightened to allow the public and non-governmental organisations to report cases of pollution to the authorities to ensure the sustainability of rivers.



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'Factory had no licence since 2014'

RAWANG: The factory at the centre of the Sungai Gong pollution incident has been operating since 2014 without any licence or permission from the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS).

Based on MPS data, the factory had not made any application for a licence since 2014.

MPS Corporate Department director Mohamad Zin Masoad said the local authority had twice advised the factory to apply for a licence after it was found to have operated over the past six years without proper documentation.

"Apart from operating without permission, the factory, which is believed to be carrying out other business activities, had also constructed building structures within the premises without any written permission from MPS.

"The owner or factory management did not send any application to conduct business," he told reporters after posting a notice in front of the factory here yesterday.

The notice was posted under Section 70(1) of the Roads, Drainage and Buildings Act 1974, which deals with constructing buildings

or structures without permission from MPS.

Zin said the factory owner had been given three days to respond to the notice on whether they had any permission to operate.

"At the end of the notice period, MPS will demolish the structures," he said.

Zin said last March, MPS issued a notice to the factory management after it was found operating and running a business and constructing structures without any permission, but the notice was ignored.

He said the pollution offence linked to the factory came under the purview of the Department of Environment.

MPS said 308 industrial factories had reportedly been operating illegally after failing to get permission from the council.

Data from MPS showed that more than 6,000 factory operators were operating within the jurisdiction of the local authority.

Zin said all 308 factory operators would be called up on Friday to undergo a legalisation process.

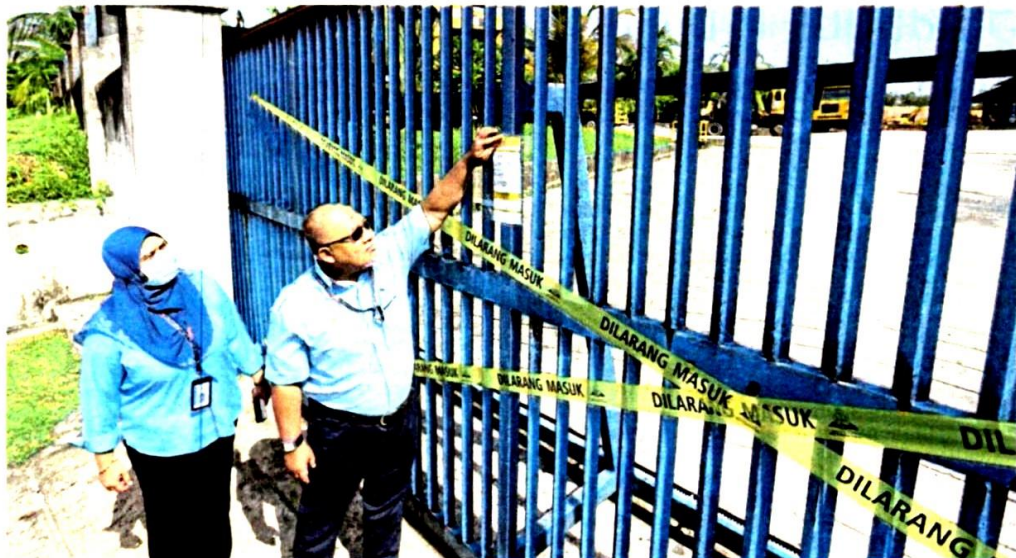
"So far, 50 of the 308 factory operators have applied for their business licences, but 258 will be ordered to apply for permission to conduct business.

"We will undertake a legalisation process and if operators remain stubborn, action can be taken against them, including sealing their premises and demolishing their buildings."

He said when all the factories operated legally, their business activities would be more organised and be in accordance with the rules.

"This is because apart from the MPS licensing and permission, factory operators also need to get approval from the Department of Environment, Fire and Rescue Department and other relevant government agencies. When they register with all relevant government agencies, then they will get more guidance and conditions will also be set on the business activities they carry out."

He said MPS had expedited business licence applications and there was no reason for any factory operator not to apply for one.



Selayang Municipal Council Corporate Department director Mohd Zin Masoad putting a notice in front of the factory allegedly involved in the pollution of Sungai Gong in Rawang yesterday. With him is the council's Enforcement and Security Department director, Norhayati Ahmad. PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD



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Two factory workers remanded to assist in probe

KUALA LUMPUR: The Selayang magistrate's court yesterday ordered two factory workers to be remanded for six days to assist in investigations into the pollution of a river with discharged effluents that disrupted piped water supply to 1.2 million account holders since Thursday.

Magistrate Nik Mohd Fadli Nik Azlan issued the remand order against the two men, age 20 and 57,

over the pollution of Sungai Gong in Rawang.

Sungai Gong is a tributary of Sungai Sembah, which flows into Sungai Selangor, which supplies water to four treatment plants that had to be shut down once the pollution was detected on Sept 3.

The two men were brought to the Selayang Courts Complex at 9.15am yesterday. They were arrested at a premises in Jalan Batu

Arang, Rawang, on Sunday.

They are being held for investigation in accordance with Section 430 of the Penal Code for allegedly committing mischief by causing a diminution in the supply of water for agricultural purposes, or for food or drink for human beings or for animals.

The section provides for a jail term of five to 30 years, a fine, or both, upon conviction. **Bernama**



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SUNGAI GONG INCIDENT

KING: POLLUTION AN IRRESPONSIBLE ACT

Ruler calls for prosecution of alleged culprits, and heavier penalties if they are convicted

KUALA LUMPUR

YANG di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah yesterday described the Sungai Gong water pollution incident, which disrupted water supply to about five million people in the Klang Valley, as an irresponsible action that caused harm to the people. While expressing his disappointment about the incident,

the king said those involved in causing the pollution should be taken to court and, if convicted, be punished with heavier penalties.

"Al-Sultan Abdullah, who has been following the incident from the first day of the water disruption, is concerned about the grievances and burden of those facing the problem.

"His Majesty has also expressed sympathy to those who have to queue up to get a pail of water every time the water supply is disrupted." Comptroller of the Royal Household of Istana Negara Datuk Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin said in a statement here yesterday.

Fadil said Al-Sultan Abdullah said this during an audience granted to Environment and Water Minister Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man at Istana Ne-



Datuk Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin

gara here.

The king said the Sungai Gong case was a repeat case that not only affected the people but also the economy as many businesses had to cease operations due to the disruption.

The pollution, which began last

Thursday, caused 1.2 million account holders and about five million users in the Klang Valley to experience water cuts.

Media reports said the authorities had identified a factory as the source of the pollution that forced four water treatment plants to stop operations.

The water cut was not the first experienced by residents in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur as a similar incident occurred before the start of the Movement Control Order.

Apart from stern action, Al-Sultan Abdullah also called on the authorities, especially the Environment and Water Ministry, through the Department of Environment, to boost monitoring and law enforcement to ensure the river pollution did not recur.

"Al-Sultan Abdullah expressed support for the Selangor govern-

ment's action in ordering the factory owner to demolish the building structure after the land used for heavy machinery maintenance work was found to not have any planning approval from the local authority."

He said the king expressed appreciation to Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd and other agencies for working to restore water supply.

He said Al-Sultan Abdullah decreed for environmental care to be given focus by the authorities, especially in the governance and management of rivers, as well as in increasing awareness among the people.

Love and care for the environment should be instilled in people by providing early education to children and by organising programmes to clean public areas, he added. **Bername**



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Selangor MB sorry for wife's water tanker pic

SHAH ALAM: Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari apologised on behalf of his wife, who posted photos on her Instagram account of a tanker from Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) supplying water at their official residence on Saturday.

He said his wife, Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad, only meant to thank the company for sending water to their house.

"My wife has apologised yesterday over what she did, and what she did was to convey her gratitude for the assistance provided by Air Selangor after waiting the whole day for the water supply.

"However, some people are using this to attack me. It is all right. My wife and I apologise," he said after attending the 2021 Selangor State Budget Dialogue session at Setia Alam yesterday.

While her Instagram account was set to private, screenshots of two postings allegedly made by Masdiana found their way to Twitter and Facebook, sparking angry comments.

Amirudin is hopeful that the matter would not be prolonged and instead urged people to re-focus their attention on the water pollution issue in Selangor.

On Thursday, Air Selangor stopped the operations at its Sun-

gai Selangor Water Treatment Plant Phases 1, 2 and 3 and the Rantau Panjang Water Treatment Plant due to industrial effluent pollution in Sungai Gong, Rawang.

The restoration of water supply to more than 1.2 million water account holders in the Klang Valley was 73.37 per cent complete up to 6.30am yesterday.

Water supply is expected to be fully restored tomorrow.

Amirudin said the state government did not have the power to impose whipping and deprive the rights of offenders involved in the pollution of water resources in the state.

He said its jurisdiction was limited to punishing offenders with the provisions in the Selangor Water Management Board (Luas) Enactment 1999.

"The proposal (for whipping and depriving their rights) should be discussed according to their jurisdiction (area), with the Department of Environment taking the lead.

"The Environmental Quality Act 1974 has a much larger jurisdiction to impose sanctions on offenders, while at the state level, we can impose sanctions on offenders only through the 1999 Luas Enactment."

He said the pollution incident should be a lesson for all, instead



Residents queuing up to get water from an Air Selangor tank in Jalan 23/56, AU3 Keramat, Ampang Jaya, yesterday. BERITA HARI

of people pointing their fingers at each other.

"I hope we can cooperate. If not, Selangor and Putrajaya will be badly affected.

"What is more unfortunate is that some people are making use of the incident to make political attacks."

Last Saturday, the state government announced that it would amend provisions in the Luas Enactment at the state assembly sitting next month.

The changes, Amirudin said, would see the maximum fine for water polluters increased to RMI million from RM500,000.



Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari being interviewed by the media after attending the 2021 Selangor State Budget Dialogue session in Setia Alam yesterday. THE STAR



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NATURAL SECURITY AREAS '1 BODY CAN LOOK AFTER RAW WATER'

A parliamentary-level commission will protect rivers, says water expert

KUALA LUMPUR — The water cuts due to industrial effluent pollution that affected some five million people in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur have highlighted the need for a parliamentary-level commission to safeguard natural water resources.

The call for the government to establish the commission under Parliament was made by the Water and Energy Consumers Associations of Malaysia.

Its president, Saravanan Thambirajah, said the establishment of the commission would enable all rivers to be gazetted as national security areas protected by the federal government under a single legislation.

He said the commission should include federal-level policymakers, representatives from state governments, environmentalists, engineers, representatives from consumer associations and legal experts.

"We have the National Water Services Commission (SPAN) overlooking utilities and the water services industry, but none to look after raw water in the country. This is the nature of rivers in the country, which can cross state lines. There are different jurisdictions under different local authorities and people looking after raw water in the country."

"On some occasions, they (local authorities) may lack funds and expertise to look after natural water resources in their jurisdictions."

"That is why we want the federal government to set up a commission under Parliament to protect raw water and aquatic rivers that have become our source of water supply into a national security area," said Saravanan, the chief operation officer of the Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations (FOMCA).

Saravanan, however, foresees political barriers becoming stumbling blocks to the setting up of the commission, given that some states are governed by different parties.

"Having that said, we should not play politics when it comes to protecting our natural water resources."

"If we do not do something to prevent a recurrence of the problem, this may lead to major water crises in the future."

Apart from the commission, Saravanan also called for stronger guidelines, including

periodic Environmental Impact Assessment requirements, for companies and factories operating near or close to waterways.

"At the moment, companies wanting to operate near the riverbanks are required to submit the EIA just once before starting development near the area."

"Are there inspections done on the effects on the environment after the companies have been operating there for some time?"

"Material engineering and water



Different jurisdictions under different local authorities look after raw water in the country, says Water and Energy Consumers Associations of Malaysia president Saravanan Thambirajah (inset).



companies to violate the law, subsequently lessening the risks of having waterways polluted by hazardous waste."

She described the suggestion by an NST reader for the authorities to remove factories in the vicinity of key waterways and move them elsewhere as a "drastic but brilliant" idea.

"Local authorities should also introduce mitigation measures against potential pollutants, which should be identified from factories or operations that have access to waterways."

"The need for a green solution is more necessary than ever."

"This will be the safest way to clean up bodies of water without creating a safety risk to aquatic life."

"There is a need for continuous education and campaigns on ways to keep waterways clean."

In a letter to the NST, Megat Shah Rival Noor Idris of Kuala Lumpur outlined 12 ways to reduce problems related to water, pollution and water cuts.

Among them include the authorities conducting of waterway areas reducing over-reliance on poorly maintained rivers as a water source; and imposing personal liability on owners and board of directors of companies polluting natural water resources.

Page 1 caption: Rubbish dumped in Sungai Gong, Rawang, on Sunday.

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'Pass Environmental Protection Bill to give federal agencies more clout'

KUALA LUMPUR: The Environmental Protection Bill, drafted in 2017 to replace the Environmental Quality Act 1974, must be passed immediately to empower federal departments to act against industries that pollute river reserves.

Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said new provisions would enable the ministry and its agencies to shut down illegal factories or force them to relocate.

Wan Junaidi, who was natural resources and environment minister from 2015 to 2018, said the law should give more power to the Environment Department (DoE) to bring those who pollute to justice.

"The bill is simple. It states that factories or workshops should not be built near rivers and they are not to be built above

water reservoirs.

"They must be below the reservoirs, so in case of flooding, dirt and polluted materials will not contaminate reservoirs.

"(The bill) mandates factories to clean waste water discharge before releasing it into the environment.

"When Sungai Semenyih was polluted by illegal factories in 2016, for instance, we could not act as the matter fell under the jurisdiction of the local authority.

"The ministry's agencies were forced to go back and forth in dealing with the local council," Wan Junaidi told the *New Straits Times*, following the pollution in Sungai Gong that led to water cuts in the Klang Valley since Thursday.



Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar

The Sungai Semenyih water treatment plant was shut down twice in 2016 following contamination caused by pollutants released from factories in the Semenyih hi-tech industrial area.

In December, the plant was again shut down due to odour pollution where the source of the contamination was traced to a sewage treatment facility in Bandar Bukit Mahkota.

However, he said, the approval of the bill was delayed following the appointment of Yeo Bee Yin as the then energy, science, technology, environment and climate change minister.

Wan Junaidi said the present environment and water minister, Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man, could adopt the bill and engage

stakeholders and state governments to end the perennial issue.

He said the Selangor government should re-look all development near water resources, including factories operating upstream of water intakes.

"The state is not doing enough. No clear explanation has been given to the people.

"The interest of the people is important, not just (the interest of) a few businesses that are likely the ones causing the problem.

"Illegal factories and other premises found not complying with standard procedures, including proper waste management, should be demolished or asked to shut down.

"Simply issuing a compound is not sufficient as paying a sum of money could mean nothing to rich factory operators."

He said many factories, including machine maintenance work-

shops, were built near rivers so that they could use water from the river.

But the problem arose when the waste water, which contains chemicals and oils, was not cleaned before it was channelled back into the river, which led to pollution.

"The authorities have identified the people behind this (Sungai Selangor) pollution, which is an illegal maintenance workshop near the river where the waste materials (including oil, diesel and engine oil) from servicing vehicles were flowing into the river.

"There may be other factories involved, but the reason is the same, which is that they failed to clean the waste before channelling it back into the river.

"This falls under the local council's jurisdiction. The federal ministry and its departments have no authority to act."



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SCARING OFF INVESTORS

What are authorities doing to prevent recurrence of water cut?

I REFER to the article “1.2 million folks without water”. Frequent disruptions not only affect residential areas but also businesses, including manufacturing facilities. This could have an impact on the economy in the long term.

Potential investors will be discouraged to move in. The water cut on Sept 3 was the eighth since July 19 last year, and the sixth relating to odour or water contamination.

Water cuts seem to be a new normal for Selangor, the most developed state in Malaysia.

It raises questions about what the authorities are doing to prevent a recurrence.

The authorities vow that they will increase checks and penalties after each incident. That is as far as it goes.

Last week’s water cut brought misery to people in 1,292 areas. Just imagine the plight of those

in low-cost flats.

Several businesses, particularly food and beverage, had to close.

What happened to the Air Selangor staff who were supposed to be taking samples at the point of intake to check whether the water passed the safety level?

What is surprising is that the Department of Environment (DoE) has been silent. The disruption was allegedly caused by a firm that’s a repeat offender.

Also, why was the company allowed to continue operating without waste disposal procedures being implemented after it was compounded by the DoE in March?

Just punishing the owners of the firm will be a slap on the wrist and will not deter others. Repeat offenders must be severely dealt with.

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My constituency

Banking on cuisine to beat economic fallout

➤ Wooing tourists with mouth-watering fare proves successful for Kuala Kubu Baru

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WITH little to show in terms of resources, small towns face the biggest challenges in overcoming the Covid-19 economic fallout.

But the people of Kuala Kubu Baru have hit upon a formula that works – satisfy the palates of Malaysians.

The little town not far from Kuala Lumpur has several items to whet the appetite, making it a place to visit, the most significant of which is probably the Chinese dumpling. Every weekend, long lines of people can be seen queueing for the dumplings – a local favourite served wrapped in bamboo leaves.

The town is promoting the dumpling and other local favourites to woo tourists back, and thus far, it seems to have been effective, according to Lee Kee Hiong (*pix*), who is the state assemblyman for the constituency.

Known as “chang” to the Chinese community, the dumpling has a long history. Legend has it that Quan Yu, a poet and court official in the Warring

States era of ancient China, drowned himself after being dismissed by the emperor.

To cut a long story short, his followers began making dumplings and throwing them into the river to feed the fish and other marine creatures so they would not feed on his remains.

Traditionally, the dumpling festival is celebrated during the fifth month of the lunar year, but in many places, especially Kuala Kubu Baru, it has become such a popular delicacy that it is now made and sold all year round.

Lee said apart from the “chang”, other local favourites such as petai (bitter beans) and durians have become major tourist draws.

Also a gastronomic delight are the kaya puffs and *lor mee* (noodles served in a thick sticky sauce).

“Thankfully, this town is also steeped in history, but for those who want to escape the hustle and bustle of Kuala Lumpur, the laidback lifestyle of Kuala Kubu Baru is perfect,” Lee told *theSun* recently.

She said the tourism sector had

ground almost to a halt when Covid-19 reached Malaysian shores, necessitating a movement control order.

“But with the travel restrictions easing, tourists are making a comeback. The tourism sector has been a blessing for us.”

Add the scenic waterfalls and Sungai Selangor Dam, which is located near the town and serves as the perfect spot for stargazing, the former mining town is a total tourism package, Lee said.

For the locals, the DAP representative organised a Jawi calligraphy and Chinese writing competition last year. “It drew encouraging response from people from all walks of life.”

Lee has more plans in the pipeline but she’s keeping them close to her chest for now.

“In any case, the strict standard operating procedures make it difficult to execute anything, so we’ll have to give it a bit more time.”

There are other challenges that she has to deal with, the most daunting of which is decent internet connectivity.

“We still don’t have fibre optic cables here to enable fast internet connectivity, so it is difficult even to hold a Zoom meeting.”

It costs RM30 million to RM40 million to provide such infrastructure. But for the telecommunications companies, it may be difficult, if not impossible, to recoup their investment, she said.





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'Selangor has limited power to punish water polluters'

SHAH ALAM: Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said the state government has very limited powers to punish offenders involved in the contamination of water resources in the state, and that more severe punishment would come under the purview of

the federal government through the Environment Quality Act 1974.

"The Act has a much larger jurisdiction to increase penalties (against environmental polluters) such as whipping or imprisonment as well as seizure or forfeiture.

"Even the power to charge lies with the Attorney-General's Chambers," he told reporters after opening the Selangor State Budget Dialogue session yesterday.

Meanwhile, he apologised on behalf of his wife, who posted photos on her Instagram account,

of a tanker from Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) sending water supply to their official residence on Saturday.

He said his wife Datin Seri Masdiana Muhamad's act was to express her appreciation to the utility company. - Bernama



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Those in power should be more empathetic: NGOs

Recent cases involving high profile individuals raise concerns over building of caring society

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PETALING JAYA: There is a lack of empathy among those in power, leading to a disconnect between them and the general public, according to two non-governmental organisations.

Consumers Association of Subang and Shah Alam, Selangor president Datuk Dr Jacob George believes the situation will only deteriorate further.

Citing two recent cases involving high-profile individuals, he said the people would not take this kind of behaviour for much longer.

On Saturday, Datin Seri Masdiana Muhammad, the wife of Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari,

posted a picture of herself taking a dip in a swimming pool and another one of an Air Selangor water tanker supplying water to her home. Both pictures were posted on Instagram.

The fact that water supply had been cut to large parts of Selangor drew the ire of various parties.

Just recently, Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Datuk Dr Khairuddin Aman Razali came under fire for failing to observe a 14-day quarantine upon his return from a trip to Turkey.

He was slapped with a RM1,000 fine, a sum many think does not commensurate with the offence considering his position.

George said there were signs the situation was

going to get worse.

"I don't see people resigning, which is the yardstick or gold standard for accountability," he told *theSun* yesterday.

On the bright side, he said he sees a change coming. "For the first time, Malaysians will not tolerate these kind of double standards," he said.

Patriots public communications director Capt Dr Wong Ang Peng said Masdiana's decision to show off her swimming pool was insensitive.

"She should show empathy to the people who were suffering without water for a few days.

"Attitudes like this are out of place if we are to build a caring and loving society of mutual respect," he said.

"The menteri besar and exco concerned should be held responsible. There is no point in taking pictures during relief activities, or speaking about harsher laws after the damage has already been done," he said.

Both Amirudin and his wife have since apologised for the incident.



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Trade value falls 10.3% to RM701b during MCO

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's trade value decreased by 10.3% to RM700.74 billion during the Movement Control Order (MCO) from March to July this year, said Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

He said this was due to the 9.5% year-on-year (y-o-y) reduction in exports and 11.4% y-o-y decline in imports.

"However, the balance of trade during this period still showed a surplus, with a marginal improvement of one% to RM65.07 billion compared with RM64.45 billion in the same period in 2019," he told the Dewan Negara yesterday.

He was responding to a question from Senator Lim Hui Ying (PH-DAP) on the MCO's impact to the country's balance of trade.

Mohamed Azmin said from March to July 2020, all main categories of imports such as intermediate goods, capital goods and consumption goods showed a decline. – Bernama



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Factory linked to Sg Gong pollution operating illegally

THE factory believed to be involved in the Sungai Gong water pollution incident was found to have been operating without a licence since 2014, the Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) said yesterday.

MPS corporate department director Mohamad Zin Masoad said data also showed that the factory had never applied for a licence since it started operating six years ago.

"We have issued the latest notice to them in March, but they ignored it. Besides operating without a licence, we also found that the factory was built without MPS' permission," he said after putting up an illegal structure notice at the factory in Rawang yesterday.

Mohamad Zin said the factory, which repairs heavy machinery, was among 308 found to have been operating illegally in areas under MPS jurisdiction.

He said all the factories were placed in the legalisation process list and were given until Dec 31, 2020, to submit documentation so that operation permits could be issued to them.

"According to the state government's directive, we cannot demolish the plants under the legalisation process (introduced in 2012 and extended until Dec 31, 2020). They were on the list for us to assist them to get operation permits and licenses.

"We had issued the building construction notice in 2014 and the factory operators should have come to the MPS to claim or obtain approval for business and building licenses. Since they are in the legalisation process list, we give them a chance to come to us," said Mohamad Zin.

The MPS had put up a notice on the entrance door of the factory under Section 70(1) of the Road, Drainage and Building Act 1974 for erecting a building without written permission from the council.

According to the Act, the factory operator is given three days starting yesterday to submit a plan for approval or face demolition by the MPS.

About five million people in the Klang Valley and Selangor were hit with unscheduled water disruption since last Thursday following oil pollution from the factory. — *Bernama*