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Unit Cegah Jenayah Alam Sekitar beroperasi Oktober



Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air (KASA) serta Kementerian Dalam Negeri (KDN) semalam secara rasmi menubuhkan Unit Cegah Jenayah Alam Sekitar (UCJAS). Pasukan khas dianggotai penguat kuasa Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS), Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN), Jabatan Biokeselamatan (JBK) dan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) itu dijangka beroperasi awal bulan depan dengan 32 anggota sebelum ditambah kepada 200 anggota yang akan ditempatkan di enam zon di Semenanjung serta Sabah dan Sarawak.

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Unit Cegah Jenayah Alam Sekitar mula operasi Oktober

Pasukan babit kerjasama pelbagai agensi penguat kuasa

Unit Cegah Jenayah Alam Sekitar (UCJAS) diwujudkan secara rasmi semalam, menubuhkan kerjasama strategik di antara Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air serta Kementerian Dalam Negeri (KDN).

Pasukan khas itu menubuhkan kerjasama antara unit penguat kuasa Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS), Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN), Jabatan Biokeselamatan (JBK) dan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM).

Semalam 32 anggota mengahului peranti pasukan elit itu yang bertanggungjawab mencegah jenayah alam sekitar seperti meragui isi pencemaran yang anjakan berkesan di negara ini secara holistik dan proaktif.

Menurut Alam Sekitar dan Air, Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man, berkata penubuhan unit ini, dijangka memulakan operasinya awal Oktober ini, sebelum keanggotaan ditambah sehingga 200 orang untuk penguat kuasa enam zon di Semenanjung, Sabah dan Sarawak.

Berita berkata, perubahan paksi ini dibuat berkaitan dengan masa proses perubahan struktur dan penubuhan bersama di kalangan agensi.

Katanya, agensi penguat kuasa dalam Kementerian memerlukan sokongan dari segi sumber logistik, peralatan, formasi dan risiko, bekalan anggota pengunit khas serta pemantauan unit

dioperasikan, berkaitan menubuhkan penubuhan perjawatan dan peruntukan kewangan tambahan.

Katanya, meyarat semalam juga bertujuan membolehkan PDRM mengambil tindakan segera terhadap pencemaran alam sekitar merentasi peruntukan kuasa Alam Sekitar dan Air di bawah 1974 dan Akta Industri Perkhidmatan Air 2006, selepas peralihan kuasa ke Akta Biokeselamatan 2017.

Sementara itu, Timbalan Ketua Polis Negara, Datuk Seri Acriji Sani Abdullah Sani, memotivasi penubuhan pasukan khas itu sebagai usaha amat positif dan proaktif bagi menangani jenayah alam sekitar secara lebih menyeluruh.

"Saya setuju 100 peratus dengan usaha menubuhkan pasukan ini, ia satu perkembangan amat positif. Memerangi penubuhan ini kita akan ambil tindakan tegas terhadap pihak tidak bertanggungjawab yang menyalah hukum kita dan tidak keadilan orang."

"Kita mahu pihak terlibat lebih takut sebelum berbuat demikian. Pasukan ini membolehkan jenayah alam sekitar seperti pencemaran sungai dan pencemaran tanah dapat ditangani," katanya, pada sidang media.

Tindakan Pengerusi (Siasatan Perundangan) Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah (SJK) Bukit Aman, Deputy Komander Mier Faridulrahman Mohd, yang turut hadir meyarat khas semalam, berkata penubuhan pasukan itu tepat pada masanya selepas melihat isu pencemaran alam sekitar ketika ini boleh dikategorikan sebagai jenayah berongkah.

"Saya siapa betul pasukan ini tidak penting. Tujuan utama penubuhan unit ini untuk mempastikan penyediaan maklumat berkaitan risiko dan formatik."

"Maksudnya penemuan mereka diawasi jenayah terancang dan kawal pengangkutan secara konvensional tidak lagi berkesan," katanya pada BFC.



- RAJAT OPERASI**
- 1. Membebaskan Unit Pengangkutan Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS)
 - 2. Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN), Jabatan Biokeselamatan (JBK) dan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM)
 - 3. Operasi unit di Sarawak, JAS
- BIKING TUGAS**
- 1. Aktiviti makan penyusutan agensi
 - 2. Berfikir berfikir dan pemantauan pengangkutan
 - 3. Menubuhkan pasukan khusus ke arah formatik
 - 4. Menubuhkan peranti pengunit alam sekitar Malaysia
- OBJEKTIF PENUBUHAN**
- 1. Memastikan pengangkutan Alam Sekitar dan Air
 - 2. Memastikan perkhidmatan Alam Sekitar dan Air
 - 3. Menjalankan penguat kuasa alam sekitar
 - 4. Memastikan perkhidmatan Alam Sekitar dan Air
 - 5. Memastikan perkhidmatan Alam Sekitar dan Air
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 - 9. Memastikan perkhidmatan Alam Sekitar dan Air
 - 10. Memastikan perkhidmatan Alam Sekitar dan Air
- KANGKOTAKAN**
- 1. UCJAS diwujudkan bersejarah awal Oktober 2020 dengan 32 anggota
 - 2. JAS
 - 3. SPAN
 - 4. JBK
 - 5. PDRM
 - 6. SPAN
 - 7. JBK
 - 8. PDRM
 - 9. SPAN
 - 10. JBK
 - 11. PDRM
 - 12. SPAN
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 - 18. SPAN
 - 19. JBK
 - 20. PDRM

1. Memastikan perkhidmatan Alam Sekitar dan Air

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Sidang Dewan Negara

Pinda akta tambah denda kes cemar air

AKAS 1974
akan dibenteng
di Parlimen
tahun depan

Kuala Lumpur: Sebagai langkah meningkatkan kadar denda maksimum bagi kes pencemaran air di samping memastikan pendekatan itu bersifat pencegahan, Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 (AKAS 1974) akan dibenteng untuk dipinda di Parlimen tahun depan.

Timbalan Menteri Alam Sekitar dan Air, Senator Datuk Dr

Ahmad Masrizal Muhammad, berkata jumlah denda masih belum dimuktamadkan dengan mengambil kira pandangan pelbagai pemegang taruh dan pakar alam sekitar.

“Di bawah AKAS 1974, bagi kesalahan berkaitan pencemaran air, denda maksimum boleh dikenakan RM100,000 atau penjara tidak melebihi lima tahun atau kedua-duanya sekali,” katanya ketika menggulung perbahasan usul menjunjung kasih titah Yang di-Pertuan Agong, di Dewan Negara di sini, semalam.

Sementara itu, Ahmad Masrizal berkata, pembangunan premis yang beroperasi berhampiran

sungai perlu diberi perhatian serius bagi mencegah berlaku pencemaran yang boleh menjejaskan bekalan air bersih kepada rakyat.

Katanya, aspek penguatkuasaan melalui Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) akan terus dipertingkatkan dengan memeriksa punca pencemar termasuk kilang, loji kumbahan, bengkel dan lain-lain terutama yang terletak di hulu loji rawatan air.

“Operasi secara besar-besaran dengan kerjasama daripada pelbagai agensi penguat kuasa mengikut bidang kuasa masing-masing akan terus dilaksanakan bagi meningkatkan lagi keberkesanan pemeriksaan punca pencemar,” katanya. **BERNAMA**



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Terima kasih Tuanku!

Bekas penyerang kebangsaan, Khalid Jamrus terharu apabila Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah sanggup membeli Kasut Emas Liga Perdana yang dimenangi walaupun jasanya kepada negeri itu tidak seberapa. *Lihat muka 46*

DIHIMPIL LIGA PERDANA 2002 ANUGERAH KASUT EMAS

Khalid terharu Sultan Selangor hargai jasa



Kuala Lumpur: Anugerah Kasut Emas Liga Perdana yang dimenangi bekas penyerang kebangsaan, Khalid Jamrus pada musim 2002 akhirnya tiba di 'tempat' yang sepatutnya.

Bukan di tangan individu perorangan, sebaliknya anugerah berprestij yang dimenangkannya ketika beraksi bersama Perak itu akan menjadi milik Museum Galeri Bola Sepak Selangor yang terletak di pekanrangan Istana Alam Shah, Klang.

Khalid berkata, tidak ada lagi tempoh lebih layak untuk anugerah 'rumah baharu' anugerah tersebut dan ia boleh dijadikan sebagai pilihan yang terbaik apabila Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan membelinya.

Menjelang tamat menanti perkaranya, bekas pembantu jurutera FAMM itu nampak terharu atas keperhatian yang ditunjukkan Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah yang jelas menghargai sumbangsanya yang sebelum ini pernah membar bakti bersama skuad The Red Giants.

Amputan Tuanku, walaupun pertanggung saya bernama Selangor tidak begitu lama, tetapi Tuanku masih menghargai jasa saya bersama Selangor dan pasukan kebangsaan.

"Saya, setiap terharu. Dicalit Tuanku," katanya.

Menyerasi satu keputusasaan yang dimuatkan di Facebook Selangor Royal Office semalam, baginda membalik komen berbarisan pada satu nilai yang dipersetujui oleh kedua-dua pihak.

Malah, baginda juga berkenan memfikirkan trofi Kasut Emas itu di Museum Galeri Bola Sepak Selangor dengan motif persembahan ringkas bertiangseng di Istana Alam Shah, semalam.

Sebelum ini, Khalid melepaskan anugerah yang dimenangkannya 18 tahun lalu itu atas faktor kewangsaan selepas tidak mencekoki pekerjaan selama tiga tahun dan menandatangani sebarang RM300,000 untuk kasut itu daripada seorang individu yang hanya dikenali sebagai 'Tuah Nio'.

Khalid memfikirkan individu tersebut berkecuali dengan harga yang dibayarkannya, namun halanya akan mengambil anugerah itu sebagai peluang ke tambah air memandangkan dia ketika itu sedang berada di Australia.



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SHAH ALAM: Empat beradik yang merupakan pengarah kilang jentera berat yang menyebabkan pencemaran di Sungai Gong, Rawang akan didakwa di Mahkamah Sesyen Selayang hari ini.

Turut didakwa di mahkamah sama ialah pengurus kilang tersebut.

Ketua Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Selangor, Datuk Fadzil

Ahmat berkata, pertuduhan terhadap kelima-lima individu terbabit akan dilakukan pukul 8 pagi di mahkamah tersebut.

“Pejabat Peguam Negara telah memutuskan dua kertas pertuduhan iaitu Seksyen 430 Kanun Keseksaan dan Seksyen 25 Akta Kualiti Alam Sekitar 1974.

“Kedua-dua pertuduhan di bawah seksyen ini akan dibacakan bersama mengikut Sek-

syen 34 Kanun Keseksaan,” katanya dalam kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Pencemaran Sungai Gong yang disyaki berpunca dari kilang jentera berat itu mengakibatkan tujuh wilayah di sekitar Lembah Klang dengan kira-kira lima juta penduduk mengalami gangguan air selepas empat Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) dihenti tugas.



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Malaysia komited jadi destinasi pelaburan terbaik

Oleh **MUHAMAD AIMY AHMAD**
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MELAKA: Kerajaan komited mewujudkan persekitaran pelaburan sihat dalam negara untuk menjadi destinasi pelaburan terbaik di Asia Tenggara.

Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin berkata, keyakinan itu penting bagi menggalakkan pelabur menambah pelaburan mereka.

Menurutnya, sektor perkilangan juga direkodkan menyumbang sebanyak 22.3 peratus kepada kadar pertumbuhan ekonomi negara pada tahun lepas.

“Daripada jumlah itu, industri elektronik merupakan penyumbang utama dalam sektor perkilangan berdasarkan jumlah pelaburan daripada syarikat-syarikat antarabangsa,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan yang dikeluarkan Pejabat Perdana Menteri semalam.

Terdahulu, Muhyiddin melawat kilang Infineon Technologies di Batu Berendam selepas hadir mesyuarat Majlis Tindakan Ekonomi (EAC).

Turut serta ialah Ketua Menteri, Datuk Seri Sulaiman Md. Ali dan Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri, Da-



MUHYIDDIN Yassin melambai tangan kepada para pekerja Infineon Technologies ketika melawat kilang itu di Batu Berendam, Melaka, semalam. - UTUSAN/ RASUL AZLI SAMAD

tuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

Perdana Menteri turut mengumumkan komitmen Infineon untuk melabur sejumlah RM3.25 bilion dalam jangka masa 10 tahun sehingga 2029.

Melalui pelaburan itu, Infineon telah membuka jalan untuk merencanakan nilai rantaian sektor semi konduktor ke arah proses berkeuntungan tinggi seperti *Packaged Integrated Circuit*.

“Pelaburan ini menjadi mer-

cu tanda dalam hubungan kerjasama pelbagai bidang antara Malaysia-Jerman dan juga simbol tahap keyakinan tinggi oleh pelabur asing terhadap kestabilan dan daya tarikan Malaysia.

“Dengan pengalaman selama 40 tahun dalam bidang semi konduktor automotif, Infineon membuktikan keupayaan mereka untuk terus memacu industri elektronik maju ke hadapan,” katanya.

Malaysia adalah satu-satu-

nya negara di luar Jerman yang menyaksikan Infineon mempunyai kemudahan proses ujian dan pengumpulan *Wafer Fabrication* untuk kilang berkenaan.

Semasa lawatan itu, Perdana Menteri telah diberi taklimat berhubung operasi kilang tersebut yang memiliki seramai 9,000 pekerja dan mendengar pandangan serta cabaran yang dihadapi oleh pihak pengurusan dan pekerja Infineon susulan pasca Covid-19.



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Pencemaran Sungai Gong: Tindakan di bawah SOSMA

PUTRAJAYA: Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) sedang menunggu keputusan daripada Jabatan Peguam Negara (AGC) mengenai tindakan untuk menyiasat dan melakukan pendakwaan terhadap individu yang terlibat dalam jenayah terancang memabatkan pencemaran alam sekitar mengikut Akta Kesalahan Keselamatan (Langkah-Langkah Khas) 2012 (SOSMA).

Timbalan Pengarah (Siasa-

tan/Perundangan) Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah PDRM, Deputy Komisioner Mior Faridalathrash Wahid berkata, pihaknya akan melakukan kajian dalam membantu Kementerian Alam Sekitar berhubung aspek penguatkuasaan berdasarkan kekuatan anggota yang dimiliki sekarang.

Jelasnya, walaupun berdepan dengan isu kekurangan anggota polis seperti dilaporkan media baru-baru ini, namun isu mem-

babatkan jenayah alam sekitar perlu diberikan perhatian serius dan keutamaan pihaknya.

"Kita sudah merujuk AGC sama ada boleh atau tidak diambill tindakan di bawah SOSMA secara keseluruhannya memabatkan isu jenayah alam sekitar. Bagi peringkat permulaan, kita akan melihat kepada isu pencemaran yang berlaku di Sungai Gong.

"Contohnya, kejadian di Su-

ngai Gong kita bantu dengan menggunakan unit forensik bagi mendapatkan keterangan untuk mendakwa pesalah di mahkamah," katanya dalam sidang media di sini semalam.

Beliau mengulas pengumuman Menteri Alam Sekitar dan Air, Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man mengenai penubuhan Unit Cegah Jenayah Alam Sekitar (UCJAS) antara kementerianya dengan kerjasama

strategik Kementerian Dalam Negeri (KDN) bagi menangani sindiket jenayah terancang berkaitan alam sekitar di negara ini.

Pasukan khas itu akan melibatkan kekuatan anggota daripada Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS), Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN), Jabatan Biokeselamatan (JBK) serta PDRM yang dijangka dapat beroperasi pada awal bulan depan.



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BARU-BARU ini, penduduk di tujuh wilayah di Kuala Lumpur dan Selangor menderita kerana mengalami gangguan bekalan air bersih selepas operasi empat loji rawatan air (LRA) dihentikan berikutan air sungai tercemar. Hampir 1.2 juta pengguna terkesan dengan mala petaka itu. Punca pencemaran sungai dipercayai dari sebuah kilang menyelenggara mesin dan jentera di Rawang.

Menurut Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Tetap Alam Sekitar Selangor, Hee Loy Sian, siasatan awal Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) mendapati kilang itu gagal melakukan penyimpanan sisa minyak buangnya mengikut syarat-syarat ditetapkan. Kilang tersebut sebelum ini pernah dikompain RM60,000 atas kesalahan sama. Kenyataan Loy Sian menunjukkan kompaun sahaja belum mampu membetulkan keadaan.

Hukuman lebih berat dan setimpal perlu diwujudkan, misalnya tempoh penjara yang lama, kilang dirobohkan, jentera dan peralatan disita dan dimusnahkan. Selain denda tinggi, pesalah diwajibkan membayar pampasan untuk menampung kos kerajaan menjalankan kerja pembersihan sungai dan pemulihan alam sekitar yang tercemar.

Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah pula bertitah, mana-mana bangunan kilang yang didirikan di tepi sungai dan menjadi punca pencemaran sungai hendaklah dirobohkan. Baginda bertitah agar kerajaan negeri bertindak lebih tegas. Baginda juga tidak mahu ada campur tangan ahli-ahli politik dalam perkara itu.

Pada 2016, pencemaran sungai menyebabkan LRA Semenyih ditutup selama empat kali, mengakibatkan beberapa kawasan di Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat, Sepang dan Petaling mengalami gangguan bekalan air. Pada masa itu, Ahli Parlimen Kuala Selangor, Datuk Seri Dr. Irmohizam Ibrahim mencadangkan denda maksimum dinaikkan sehingga RM1 juta dan pemilik kilang dipenjarakan sehingga 10 tahun.

PENDUDUK membawa botol dan bekas kosong untuk mendapatkan bekalan air daripada lori tangki Air Selangor di Petaling Jaya, Selangor, baru-baru ini. - UTUSAN/MUHAMAD IQBAL ROSLI



Kita terlalu bagi muka

“ Kita ada undang-undang alam sekitar yang sudah lapuk, tidak mampu menangani masalah pencemaran sungai.”

Dalam insiden terbaru ini, polis menahan empat lelaki yang merupakan pemilik kilang kerana disyaki memencemarkan Sungai Gong, Rawang. Pada 6 September lalu, polis mendapatkan perintah reman selama enam hari dari Mahkamah Sesyen Kuala Lumpur.

PEMUTIHAN
 Mengikut laporan media, kerajaan negeri telah memberi peluang lagi kepada pemilik tanah dan kilang haram untuk membuat proses pemutihan sehingga hujung tahun ini. Kenyataan ini menyebabkan pihak tertentu bertanya: “Sudah 12 tahun pemilik kilang haram diberi masa, kenapa beri muka lagi kepada

mereka?” Pada hemat saya, selepas ini kerajaan perlu melaksanakan *polluter pays principle*, iaitu mewajibkan pencemar membayar sejumlah wang kepada pihak berkuasa untuk menjalankan kerja memulihkan kembali keadaan alam sekitar yang sudah tercemar kepada keadaan asalnya.

Australia bertindak sedemikian dengan menubuhkan Pihak Berkuasa Perlindungan Alam Sekitar (EPA). Kesatuan Eropah juga bertindak sama pada 2004. Perancis melaksanakannya dalam Artikel 4 Piagam Alam Sekitar negara itu, manakala Ghana mula menguatkuasakannya pada 2011. England dan Wales melaksanakannya di bawah *Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2009*, manakala Amerika Syarikat melaksanakannya di bawah *Clean Water Act 1972*. Di bawah *Environmental Management Act 2002 Zimbabwe*, mana-mana orang yang disabit melakukan pencemaran alam sekitar boleh diperintahkan membayar kos untuk membersihkan semula alam sekitar yang telah dicemar olehnya (*cost of decontaminating the polluted*

environment). Pada asalnya, prinsip ini disebutkan sebagai Prinsip 16 Deklarasi Rio Mengenai Alam Sekitar dan Pembangunan 1992 yang mana Malaysia sejak awal lagi menyertainya. Malangnya selepas tiga dekad, kita masih lagi gagal melakukan sesuatu yang konkrit dan bermakna.

LEMAH
 Pada 2017, Menteri Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar (ketika itu), Datuk Seri Dr. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar ada menyatakan, kerajaan akan memperkenalkan Akta Perlindungan Alam Sekitar untuk memberi kuasa kepada jabatan Persekutuan bertindak ke atas industri yang menyebabkan pencemaran sungai. Akta itu nanti akan memberi kuasa kepada jabatan Persekutuan memaksa kilang haram dipindahkan atau diroboh. Beliau menambah, dalam kes pencemaran Sungai Semenyih disebabkan oleh kilang haram, agensi di bawah kementeriannya tidak boleh bertindak kerana perkara itu di bawah bidang kuasa pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT).

Pada Mei 2019, apabila kes pencemaran Sungai Kim Kim di Pasir Gudang berlaku di mana hampir 6,000 orang penduduk daerah itu

terkesan, Menteri Tenaga, Sains, Teknologi dan Alam Sekitar (ketika itu) Yeo Bee Yin berkata, kerajaan bercadang menggantikan undang-undang alam sekitar sedia ada dengan satu akta baharu untuk memberi kuasa yang lebih sempurna dan mewujudkan hukuman lebih berat kepada penjenayah alam sekitar.

Soalnya, apa sudah jadi dengan undang-undang alam sekitar baharu yang dijanjikan oleh beberapa menteri pada masa itu?

Kesimpulannya, kita ada undang-undang alam sekitar yang sudah lapuk, tidak mampu menangani masalah pencemaran sungai. Kita ada PBT tetapi nampaknya masih lemah melaksanakan penguatkuasaan ke tahap yang rakyat mahu.

Kita berdepan dengan pendirian kerajaan negeri yang terus berlembut dan memberi muka kepada pemilik kilang haram. Akhir sekali, kita berdepan dengan realiti jabatan atau agensi Persekutuan tidak boleh bertindak kerana tidak ada kuasa berbuat demikian.

DATUK Salleh Buang ialah bekas Peguam Persekutuan di Jabatan Peguam Negara dan bekas Profesor Tamu di Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.



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Kasut Emas Khalid milik Sultan Selangor

SHAH ALAM: Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan membeli Kasut Emas bekas penyerang kebangsaan, Khalid Jamlus.

Selangor Royal Office dalam hantaran di Facebook rasmi semalam memberitahu, Kasut Emas tersebut dibeli pada satu nilai yang dipersetujui oleh kedua-dua pihak.

Penyerahan kasut tersebut diadakan dalam satu majlis ringkas di Istana Alam Shah,

Klang semalam.

Kasut Emas yang dimenangi Khalid pada 2002 itu juga akan diletakkan di Muzium Galeri Bola Sepak Selangor yang terletak di pekarangan Istana Alam Shah.

Khalid, 43, yang dianggap legenda bola sepak Perak dan pernah menarung jersi Selangor dari 2005 hingga 2006 sebelum ini mencuri tumpuan apabila melong beberapa koleksi peribadi seperti pingat, jersi dan poster.

Dia bagaimanapun menegas-

kan, tindakan itu bukan berniat meraih simpati orang ramai, sebaliknya untuk meneruskan kelangsungan hidup.

Khalid ketika dihubungi *Utusan Malaysia* enggan mengulas mengenai perkara itu, sebaliknya hanya akan mengeluarkan kenyataan rasmi dalam masa dua atau tiga hari.

Media sebelum ini melaporkan, Kasut Emas penjarang terbanyak Liga Perdana 2002 itu dijual pada harga RM99,999.



SULTAN Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan membeli Kasut Emas bekas penyerang kebangsaan, Khalid Jamlus semalam. - IHSAN SELANGOR ROYAL OFFICE



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PENCEMARAN SUNGAI GONG

Empat pengarah, pengurus kilang didakwa hari ini

Kuala Lumpur: Empat lembaga pengarah dan seorang pengurus kilang akan didakwa di Mahkamah Sesyen Selayang, hari ini berhubung kes pencemaran bau di Sungai Gong, Rawang, Selangor pada 3 September lalu.

Ketua Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah (JSJ) Selangor, Datuk Fadzil Ahmat berkata, kertas siasatan kes berkenaan sudah dirujuk ke Pejabat Peguam Negara.

"Pertuduhan pertama terhadap lima tangkapan itu dibuat mengikut Seksyen 430 Kanun Keseksaan yang dibacakan bersama Seksyen 34 Kanun Keseksaan. Sementara itu, pertuduhan kedua ke atas mereka dibuat mengikut Seksyen 25 Akta Kualiti Alam Sekitar 1974 yang dibacakan bersama Seksyen 34 Kanun Keseksaan," katanya.

Menurutnya, empat lagi tangkapan lain dibebaskan dengan bon mengikut Seksyen 118 Kanun Prosedur Jenayah untuk dijadikan sebagai saksi.

"Pertuduhan itu akan dilakukan pada 15 September (hari ini) jam 8 pagi di Mahkamah Sesyen Selayang," katanya.

Sebelum ini, polis menahan beberapa individu dalam tangkapan berasingan berhubung kejadian pencemaran sumber air di Sungai Gong.

Susulan pencemaran minyak daripada kilang itu, Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Sungai Selangor Fasa 1, 2, 3 dan Rantau Panjang dihenti tugas, menyebabkan 1,292 kawasan di tujuh wilayah sekitar Lembah Klang mengalami gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual sehingga 9 September lalu.



KILANG yang menyebabkan Sungai Gong tercemar sekali gus menyebabkan bekalan air terganggu di Lembah Klang.



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SULTAN Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan membeli Kasut Emas milik Khalid.

Pembeli Diraja

Sultan Selangor pemilik baharu trofi Kasut Emas Khalid

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Kali pertama kena tipu, kedua urusan pembelian tidak jadi di saat akhir sebelum yang ketiga Kasut Emas milik bekas pemain bola sepak kebangsaan, Khalid Jamlus dibeli Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Selepas hampir tiga bulan mencari pembeli, Khalid menerusi Facebooknya semalam memaklumkan trofi anugerah penjarang terbanyak Liga Malaysia itu menjadi milik Sultan Sharafuddin, namun tidak mahu mendedahkan nilai pembelian kasut berkenaan.

Bekas pemain kebangsaan itu berkata, walaupun khidmatnya tidak lama bersama Selangor, tuanku tetap menghargai jasanya yang berjuang untuk skuad Merah Kuning dan negara.

“Ampun tuanku, walaupun perjuangan saya bersama Selangor tak begitu lama tapi tuanku masih menghargai jasa saya bersama Selangor dan juga kebangsaan..cukup terharu,” katanya, di sini.

Sebelum ini, Arena Metro melaporkan bekas pemain Selangor dan Perak itu berhasrat menjual Kasut Emas yang dimenangi 18 tahun lalu selepas mengalami masalah kewangan sejak tiga tahun lalu.

Beliau dilaporkan berhadapan masalah selepas hilang pekerjaan selain sukar mendapatkan pekerjaan baharu akibat pandemik Covid-19.

Khalid merangkul Anugerah Kasut Emas selepas meledak 17 gol ketika membantu Perak muncul juara Liga Perdana 1 pada musim 2002.

Selain Kasut Emas, Khalid juga melong pelbagai barangan peribadi termasuk poster, jersi serta medal yang dimenangi sepanjang kariernya.

Sementara itu, Khalid ketika dihubungi enggan mengulas lanjut mengenai urus niaga berkenaan.

Dalam pada itu, menerusi satu kenyataan yang dimuat naik di Facebook Selangor Royal Office semalam, baginda membeli kasut berkenaan pada satu nilai yang dipersetujui oleh kedua-dua pihak.

Baginda juga berkenan untuk meletakkan trofi Kasut Emas itu di Muzium Galeri Bola Sepak Selangor yang terletak di pekarangan Istana Alam Shah, Klang selepas majlis penyerahan ringkas kasut di istana sama.

“**Walaupun saya bersama Selangor tak lama tapi tuanku masih hargai jasa saya**
 Khalid Jamlus



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LZS kutip RM17 juta zakat melalui online

Oleh **MOHD. YUNUS YAKKUB**

SHAH ALAM – Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS) telah melakukan pelbagai kempen bagi menarik orang ramai membayar zakat dan menjadi pembayar zakat baharu termasuk menerusi pembayaran secara dalam talian.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutifnya, Saipolyazan M. Yusop berkata, langkah dimulakan semasa awal pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) yang berjaya mengutip RM17 juta pembayaran zakat fitrah menerusi pembiayaan dalam talian setakat ini.

Katanya, pembayaran zakat secara dalam talian berfungsi dalam memudahkan dan memperbanyakkan orang membayar zakat.

“Unjuran kita sehingga hujung tahun ini adalah jumlah keluarga fakir dan miskin di Selangor meningkat kepada 80,000 orang daripada 65,000.

“Pihak kami terpaksa membuat penstrukturan mengikut Maqasid Syariah dengan fokus kepada mereka yang memerlukan bantuan makanan dan tempat tinggal terlebih dahulu,” jelasnya.

Tambahnya, LZS berharap dapat kutip lebih RM800 juta tahun ini atau bantuan terpaksa dikurangkan pada tahun depan.

Kosmo! semalam melaporkan kutipan zakat di Selangor merekodkan penurunan ketara sehingga 31 peratus berpunca daripada faktor kekangan kewangan yang dihadapi pembayar zakat



KERATAN muka depan **Kosmo!** semalam.



Pihak kami terpaksa membuat penstrukturan mengikut Maqasid Syariah dengan fokus kepada mereka yang memerlukan bantuan makanan dan tempat tinggal terlebih dahulu.”

SAIPOLYAZAN M. YUSOP

susunan pelaksanaan PKP bagi membendung penularan pandemik Covid-19 sejak Mac lalu.

Menurut Saipolyazan, pihaknya turut menjangkakan jumlah pembayar zakat baharu akan meningkat menjadi 326,000 tahun ini berbanding tahun lalu hampir 311,000 dengan kerjasama bersama Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial (Perkeso) contohnya dalam akses lebih ramai pembayar zakat dalam membantu asnaf.

Ujar beliau, peruntukkan RM1 juta turut disalurkan untuk pekerja-pekerja di syarikat yang terjejas susulan PKP akibat Covid-19 di syarikat yang menjadi pembayar zakat kepada LZS.



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Ramai pesakit mohon bantuan perubatan

SHAH ALAM – Kementerian Kesihatan mendapati pesakit paling banyak membuat permohonan tabung bantuan perubatan adalah terdiri daripada penghidap penyakit tidak berjangkit.

Timbalan Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan (Perubatan), Datuk Dr. Rohaizat Yon berkata, mereka memohon bantuan bagi pembelian ubat, peralatan, rawatan, susu khas dan lampin pakai buang.

Menurutnya, kebanyakan mereka terdiri daripada golongan tidak berkemampuan.

“Pesakit yang ramai buat permohonan merupakan penghidap penyakit tidak berjangkit contohnya darah tinggi, kencing manis, jantung, buah pinggang dan strok yang memerlukan kerusi roda.

“Justeru, kita sentiasa mengalu-alukan bantuan seperti dilakukan Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS) dalam membantu pesakit daripada golongan kurang berkemampuan yang amat memerlukan,” katanya selepas Majlis Penyerahan Sumbangan Dana Tabung Kebajikan Pesakit Hospital Lembaga Zakat Selangor semalam.

Terdahulu, LZS memberi sumbangan sebanyak RM1.77



SAKIT jantung antara penyakit tidak berjangkit yang memerlukan perbelanjaan dan rawatan susulan. – GAMBAR HIASAN

juta kepada 17 buah hospital di Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur yang disampaikan Timbalan Pengerusi LZS, Datuk Dr. Aziuddin Ahmad kepada pihak hospital.

Hospital Kuala Lumpur merupakan penerima tertinggi sumbangan zakat sebanyak RM300,000 diikuti dengan Pusat Perubatan Universiti Malaya dan Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM masing-masing menerima sumbangan zakat sebanyak RM200,000.



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Sultan Selangor beli Kasut Emas milik Khalid Jamlus

Oleh MUHAMMAD ZUHAILY
 BADLISHAH

SULTAN Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah menjadi pemilik baharu Kasut Emas milik bekas penyerang sensasi kebangsaan, Muhammad Khalid Jamlus selepas berkenan membeli anugerah individu paling bernilai dalam kancah bola sepak tempatan itu.

Khalid, 43, meluahkan rasa terharu terhadap keputusan baginda untuk memiliki Kasut Emas yang dimenangkannya ketika menyarung jersi Perak pada 18 tahun lalu dengan satu nilai yang dipersetujui kedua-dua pihak.

"Walaupun perjuangan saya bersama Selangor tidak begitu lama. Namun, Tuanku masih menghargai jasa saya bersama Selangor dan juga pasukan kebangsaan. Saya cukup terharu," kata Khalid dalam laman sosial Facebook peribadinya semalam.

Menerusi satu kenyataan dimuat naik di Facebook Selangor Royal Office semalam, baginda berkenan meletakkan Kasut Emas yang dimenangi Khalid pada 2002 itu di Muzium Galeri Bola Sepak Selangor di pekarangan Istana Alam Shah, Klang.

Sebagai rekod, penyerang yang pernah menyertai ujian percubaan dengan kelab Jerman, Eintracht Frankfurt itu, dinobatkan sebagai penjaring terbanyak



SULTAN Sharafuddin berkenan membeli Kasut Emas milik Khalid Jamlus (kanan) untuk ditempatkan di Muzium Galeri Bola Sepak Selangor di pekarangan Istana Alam Shah, Klang semalam.

Liga Perdana dengan 17 gol ketika mewakili Perak pada 2002.

Sepanjang bersama Perak, Khalid menjaringkan 50 gol dalam 104 perlawanan liga dari 1999 hingga 2004 sebelum menyarung jersi Selangor selama dua tahun pada 2005 dan 2006.

Baru-baru ini, Khalid mengemparkan arena bola sepak tanah air apabila melong pelbagai barangan peribadi termasuk menjual Kasut Emas itu atas faktor kewangan selepas tiga tahun tidak mempunyai pekerjaan.

Selepas beberapa bulan berusaha menjual Kasut Emas itu, akhirnya berhasil mendapat 'tuan' baharu selepas Khalid dikatakan menjadi mangsa penipuan pembeli pertama, sebelum urusan pembelian kedua tidak menjadi kenyataan sebelum ini.



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Pindaan AKAS 1974 dibentang tahun depan

KUALA LUMPUR - Sebagai langkah meningkatkan kadar denda maksimum bagi kes pencemaran air di samping memastikan pendekatan itu bersifat pencegahan, Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 (AKAS 1974) akan dibentang untuk dipinda di Dewan Negara pada tahun depan.

Timbalan Menteri Alam Sekitar Dan Air, Senator Datuk Dr Ahmad Masrizal Muhammad berkata, jumlah denda maksimum dan minimum masih dimuktamadkan dengan mengambil kira pandangan pelbagai pemegang taruh dan pakar-pakar alam sekitar.

“Di bawah AKAS 1974, bagi kesalahan

berkaitan pencemaran air, denda maksimum boleh dikenakan sebanyak RM100,000 atau penjara tidak melebihi lima tahun atau kedua-duanya sekali,” katanya semasa menggulung perbincangan usul menjunjung kasih titah Yang di-Pertuan Agong di



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Dewan Negara di sini semalam.

Sementara itu, Ahmad Masrizal berkata, pembangunan premis yang beroperasi berhampiran sungai perlu diberi perhatian serius bagi mencegah berlakunya pencemaran yang boleh menyebabkan terhentinya bekalan air bersih kepada rakyat.

Justeru, katanya, daripada aspek penguatkuasaan melalui Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) akan terus dipertingkatkan dengan memeriksa punca pencemar termasuk kilang; loji kumbahan, bengkel dan lain-lain terutamanya yang terletak di hulu loji rawatan air.

“Operasi secara besar-besaran dengan kerjasama daripada pelbagai agensi penguat kuasa mengikut bidang kuasa masing-masing akan terus dilaksanakan bagi meningkatkan lagi keberkesanan pemeriksaan punca pencemar,” katanya. - *Bernama*



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Tuan Ibrahim pada sidang media di Putrajaya semalam.



Pasukan elit cegah jenayah alam sekitar

PUTRAJAYA - Kementerian Air dan Sumber Asli (KASA) menubuhkan pasukan elit bagi mencegah jenayah alam sekitar susulan beberapa isu dan kerumitan ketika menjalankan operasi.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man berkata, pasukan yang turut dianggotai oleh unit penguat kuasa Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS), Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN), Jabatan Biokeselamatan (JBK) dan Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) akan menangani isu pencemaran secara proaktif dan holistik.

Menurutnya, pasukan elit itu dijangka dapat beroperasi sepenuhnya pada Oktober depan.

“Agensi penguat kuasa

dalam kementerian memerlukan sokongan sumber logistik, kepakaran forensik dan risikan, kekuatan anggota serta pemantapan undang-undang dan bidang kuasa bagi menangani masalah ini,” katanya pada sidang akhbar selepas Mesyuarat Khas KASA dan Kementerian Dalam Negeri (KDN) di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, perbincangan susulan bersama Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam dan Kementerian Kewangan turut diadakan supaya unit tersebut dapat diperkukuhkan, selain melibatkan pertambahan jawatan dan peruntukan kewangan tambahan.

Menurutnya, mesyuarat juga bersetuju supaya PDRM mengambil tindakan segera

ke atas penjenayah alam sekitar dengan penurunan kuasa Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeliling 1974 dan Akta Industri Perkhidmatan Air 2006 akan diberikan kepada polis.

“Setakat ini perwakilan kuasa Akta Biokeselamatan 2007 telah diberikan kepada PDRM,” katanya.

Mengulas perkembangan terkini insiden pencemaran Sungai Gong, Rawang, Selangor, Tuan Ibrahim berkata, kertas siasatan oleh JAS dan SPAN telah diserahkan kepada Jabatan Peguam Negara untuk tindakan lanjut.

Insiden pencemaran Sungai Gong pada 3 September lalu menyebabkan kira-kira lima juta pengguna di sekitar Lembah Klang mengalami gangguan bekalan air.



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Sultan Selangor berkenan beli trofi Kasut Emas Khalid



Sultan Sharafuddin berkenan membeli trofi Kasut Emas milik Khalid pada harga yang dipersetujui kedua-dua pihak.

Sultan Selangor berkenan beli trofi Kasut Emas Khalid

SHAH ALAM - Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj berkenan membeli trofi Kasut Emas bekas pemain kebangsaan, Khalid Jamlus.

Melalui hantaran di laman Facebook Selangor Royal Office semalam, Kasut Emas tersebut dikatakan dibeli pada satu nilai yang dipersetujui oleh kedua-dua pihak.

Difahamkan, satu majlis ringkas bagi penyerahan trofi kasut berkenaan turut berlang-

sung di Istana Alam Shah, Klang.

Trofi Kasut Emas yang dimenangi Khalid pada 2002 itu juga akan diletakkan di Muzium Galeri Bola Sepak Selangor yang terletak di pekarangan Istana Alam Shah.

Nama Khalid yang dijulang sebagai antara pemain legenda Perak sebelum ini kembali diperkatakan selepas beliau bertindak melelong beberapa barangan miliknya termasuk jersi,

medal dan poster.

Khalid berkata, niat asalnya 'melepaskan' beberapa barangnya itu yang dianggap mempunyai nilai sentimental tersendiri adalah untuk menampung urusan perbelanjaannya sekeluarga.

Kedua-dua itu sekali gus menafikan 'cakap-cakap belakang' yang mengatakan beliau bertindak sedemikian hanya semata-mata mahu meminta belas simpati orang ramai.



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Khalid terharu Sultan Selangor berkenan beli Kasut Emas

BEKAS penyerang kebangsaan, Khalid Jamlus mengakui terharu apabila Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan membeli trofi Kasut Emas miliknya, lapor **MUHAMMAD ZAKWAN NAZARALY**.

Khalid berkata, Sultan Sharafuddin tetap menghargai jasanya biarpun dia tidak lama mengerah kudrat bersama Selangor yang juga juara 33 kali Piala Malaysia.

"Ampun Tuanku... walaupun perjuangan saya bersama Selangor tak begitu lama, tetapi Tuanku masih menghargai jasa saya bersama Selangor dan juga (skwad) kebangsaan... cukup terharu," kata Khalid dalam satu hantaran di laman Facebook peribadinya semalam.

Terdahulu, Sultan Sharafuddin berkenan membeli trofi Kasut Emas tersebut pada satu nilai

yang dipersetujui oleh kedua-dua pihak. Majlis ringkas bagi penyerahan trofi Kasut Emas tersebut turut berlangsung di Istana Alam Shah, Klang.

Trofi Kasut Emas yang dimenangkan Khalid selaku penjaring terbanyak Liga Perdana Satu pada tahun 2002 itu juga akan diletakkan di Muzium Galeri Bola Sepak Selangor yang terletak di pekarangan Istana Alam Shah.

Untuk rekod, Khalid, 43, pernah beraksi bersama skuad Gergasi Merah selama dua musim mulai 2005 hingga 2006.

Sebelum ini, arena bola sepak negara gempar dengan hasrat Khalid melolong trofi tersebut selepas menghadapi masalah kewangan. Beberapa individu dilaporkan berminat untuk membeli trofi Kasut Emas itu dengan angka lelongan mencecah RM99,999.



Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah berkenan membeli trofi Kasut Emas milik Khalid Jamlus.



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MBPJ TAX REBATE

Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is offering assessment tax rebates for homeowners who have made their homes more environmentally friendly. Deadline is Oct 16. For details, download the form at <https://bit.ly/33j6FOb> or call MBPJ's Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Department at 03-7954 1440.



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Deluge of human indifference

DBKL will look into the overwhelming discovery of plastics and polystyrene packaging that were washed up during last Thursday's flash floods despite a ban that has been in place for two years. Meanwhile in Selangor, Sepang residents say stopgap measures will not end their flood woes.

Gross apathy: Tonnes of waste, mostly plastic, ended up at the Batu flood retention pond after the flash floods in Kuala Lumpur last Thursday. — SAMUEL ONG/The Star

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THE floodwaters may have subsided and the clearing of mud and rubbish are over and done with. However, in Sepang, victims of impending floods continue to lament residents.

It is just a matter of time before they endure the same drizzle all over again. Sepang which saw 12 locations affected, was the second district with the most flood-hit locations after Hulu Langat.

Abdul Halim, Chairman of Amanah Sepang (AKS), an independent voluntary organisation headed by veteran, said like Kampung Ciching, Kampung Bukit and Kampung Lela Langat had experienced flooding three times already this year.

On how long the recurring flood problem had existed in the area, Halim said AKS volunteers had distributed and sold beer to help flood victims to move their belongings and taking part in after-flood clean up exercises since 2009.

The problem has become more acute over time, he noted. "In the past, we spent no more than RM200 per session."

But from 2014, after housing estates started coming up in the surrounding areas, we were picking up more debris. "In the latest July floods, approximately 100 tons of debris and plastics in the affected villages, including Kampung Tumpang Mas in Sungai Petai, came up to RM200,000," he highlighted.

He said that previously only a few Kampung houses would be affected during a flood. The land mostly former paddy fields that were passed down from their ancestors, had no more than five houses.

But when the housing estates developed, as many as 50 houses would be affected at a time, said Halim.

He said it was common knowledge in the local community that the site where the new housing estates were now sitting on are flood-prone areas.

"Sepang Municipal Council should have scrutinised the land survey findings, drainage and elevation plans more thoroughly before approving these projects," he said.

In Kampung Setemang, Dengkil, Mohd Zubair, Tah, secretary of Jhearth Warisan Penawar, a non-governmental organisation that offers humanitarian relief to disaster victims, said pollution was washing into the river.

Through repairs are carried out on damaged parts of the river bank after every flood, it is always broken by the force of upstream

Selangor folk seek long-term solution to flood woes

Selangor govt to repair retention walls as residents complain about frequent deluge and damage



Work is taking place to strengthen the bank along Sungai Langat with rocks at Kampung Rivokul Hijau, Dengkil.

currents, he said. During the recent July floods, force from rising water broke through a part of the Sungai Langat bank and washed about 600m inland and into all 50 houses in Taman Lenang Merah, which is near Kampung Setemang.

"The water was so strong, it kept a few trees from nearby plantations down the river," said Mohd Zubair.

Locals said the S-bend at this part of the river could have contributed to the overflow as fast-flowing currents were forced to slow down while negotiating the meandering curves along the river.

"We see ongoing work being carried out but we wonder if the new bank will be able to withstand the force from the volume and currents in the event of another flood," said Mohd Zubair.

Kampung Dengkil village chief Subhan Abidin said though he

complained of repairs being carried out only after a flood occurred.

Regular maintenance or upgrading work should be carried out before and not after a flood when the damage is already done, he said.

He added that residents had also suggested marking possible vulnerable areas along the bank so that remedial steps to prevent erosion and collapse could be carried out in advance.

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Mohd Zubair says pollution is washing this among residents who have had to bear the cost of flood damages repeatedly.



Subhan says residents will have more assurance if a bank of sheet pile and concrete is built as part of the flood mitigation solution.

been completed in two years time. Ehsan hoped the project would be able to solve the issue and bring peace to the residents as the floods caused them huge losses.

He said after visiting the Sungai Langat river bank upgrading site in Taman Permaisuri Dengkil in August.

On the issue of residential development in flood-prone areas, MPPengap Corporate Unit and Public Relations director Norrahman Anad Kanan said approval for the housing development projects in the surrounding areas near

Taman Lenang Merah were approved following input from Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department and Public Works Department's technical

staff. Norrahman also gave assurance that the council would monitor cleaning and maintenance works for drainage systems in the housing areas.



A drain leading into Sungai Langat near Kampung Rivokul Hijau and the Taman Lenang Merah, Dengkil housing area. Residents want the drains to be regularly cleaned so they are not choked with weeds, dirt or rubbish which can hamper the flow of stormwater.



Active helping residents following the floods that hit Dengkil in July.



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More bite to check polluters

A joint task force comprising a ministry and four agencies will ensure that action against environmental polluters will be carried out more swiftly and efficiently. Various groups have welcomed the move, and are urging the authorities to step up their efforts by imposing stiffer punishments against the wrongdoers and expanding the powers of the task force. See page 5 for reports by MAZWIN NIK ANIS and MARTIN CARVALHO

Sungai Kim Kim, Pasir Gudang

Environmental criminals beware

Dedicated task force targeting polluters set to swing into action

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PETRAJAYA: Efforts to investigate and solve environmental-related crimes will be given a boost with the formation of a dedicated task force to expedite swift action against perpetrators who pollute the environment.

The task force will be in operation as early as October as the government shows its seriousness to act against environmental perpetrators.

At the same time, police will be given the authority to take immediate action towards environmental criminals.

In announcing the setting up of the special task force, Environment and Water Resources Minister Tanak Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man

said the unit would boost speed and effectiveness in the action by the relevant authorities against those who commit crimes against the environment.

"The setting up of the task force will bring with enforcement against polluters."

"This, along with amendments to the Environmental Quality Act, will ensure that those who commit crimes against the environment will pay dearly," he told a press conference to announce the setting up of the special task force.

The task force will comprise the Department of Environment (DOE), Water Services Commission (DAS), Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and the police.

Tuan Ibrahim said the task force would allow for better and faster enforcement with the support and

expertise from the authorities involved, particularly in the areas of logistics, forensics and intelligence, as well as law and enforcement.

Tuan Ibrahim said police would now be given the power to act using the Environmental Quality Act and Water Services Industry Act against offenders. Currently, police have been empowered to take action using the Ministry Act.

He said the task force is one of the many solutions in dealing with pollution incidents, which must be tackled holistically and in a proactive manner.

He pointed to the Sungai Gong incident as an example of how pollution affects environmental sustainability, the economy as well as the people's health and wellbeing.

Globally, crime against the envi-

ronment is the fourth highest organised crime after drugs, money laundering and human trafficking.

Tuan Ibrahim said the ministry would discuss with the Public Service Department and the Finance Ministry on additional staff and allocations.

He also said that amendments to the Environmental Quality Act, which will see stiffer penalties against environmental offenders, would be tabled at the next Parliament meeting.

"We are seeking higher compounds and fines and for those who caused pollution to clean up and bear the cost," he said.

However, Tuan Ibrahim declined to reveal the proposed amount of compounds and fines to be issued to the polluters.

On the recent Sungai Gong water

pollution incident in Rawang, the minister said that investigation papers had been submitted to the Attorney General's Chambers.

"The investigation papers by the Department of Environment and the Water Services Commission were sent last week."

Tuan Ibrahim said that under section 63 of the Environment Quality Act, action could be taken not just on the company that caused pollution.

"We can also charge and take action against the company director, chief executive officer, manager and other officers for the crime," he said.





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PETALING JAYA: Environmental groups and small businesses have lauded the government's move to set up the environmental crimes unit.

However, they want the unit's powers to be expanded to ensure effective action can be carried out.

Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM) president Meenakshi Raman said the move to introduce the unit was timely given the recent pollution incident at Sungai Gong in Selangor.

"With the involvement of the police and the setting up of the unit, we hope that the gravity of environmental offences are viewed much more seriously as they impact a much larger number of people in society, often with long-term effects," she said yesterday.

She suggested that prosecutors should also press for stiffer punishments such as custodial sentences on the directors of the companies

responsible for environmental crimes.

"It is indeed regrettable that thus far, only fines are normally meted out, which are easily payable by the offenders, often with repeat offences," she added.

She said that personnel under the unit must be of integrity and not be tempted by bribes because some companies might resort to corruption to escape punishment.

Meenakshi noted that environmental crimes involving wildlife trade, deforestation, sand-mining and hill-cutting were not within the scope of the collaboration.

"We urge the Natural Resources Ministry to also come within the purview of the unit, so that violations involving wildlife, forests and our natural resources are similarly viewed as environmental crimes," she added.

SME Association president Datuk Michael Kang also said the unit should not be confined to investigating water pollution cases.

"We hope attention will also be given other forms of pollution and not only industrial waste pollution of water ways. The unit should also look at household pollution, air pollution due to release of toxic materials or carbon dioxide," he said.

Kang suggested the unit should also organise education programmes for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to educate them on environmental laws and regulations.

"There are laws and regulations but many SMEs are not unaware of them. The unit should come out with proper guidelines to educate SMEs," added Kang.

Malaysian Water Forum (MWF) president Saral James Maniam took an opposing view, saying there were sufficient authorities to handle investigations.

"The police act as action takers and enforcers but what we lack are regulators to supervise.

"Investigations should be done by agencies such as the Department of Environment (DOE) and National

Water Services Commission (SPAN) since they are the experts," she said.

Rather than set up a new unit, she suggested better collaboration between the agencies to handle investigations, citing the recent Sungai Gong incident where the DOE and SPAN had carried out investigations.

"We have so many units whose job responsibilities overlap and we may end up spending more rather than being more productive," she added.

Organisation for the Preservation of National Heritage Malaysia (Peka) president Puan Sri Shariffa Sabrina Syed Akil welcomed the move, but said the focus should also be given on solving the root causes of environmental issues.

"While the setting up of this unit may serve as a temporary solution, a long-term strategy must be put into place to ensure that the root causes of the problem are addressed towards ensuring national security," she said.



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Pollution suspects to be charged today

PETALING JAYA: Four company directors and a factory manager will be charged today with polluting Sungai Gong in Rawang which caused the major water supply disruption affecting millions of consumers in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur.

Selangor CID chief Senior Asst Comm Datuk Fadzil Ahmat said the five suspects would be charged under Section 430 of the Penal Code and Section 25 of the Environmental Quality Act 1974.

He added that four other suspects were released and would be called in as witnesses.

“The five will be charged at 8am at the Selayang Sessions Court.”

Following oil pollution which came from the factory, four Sungai Selangor water treatment plants had to suspend operations, resulting in the water supply disruption.



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COMMUNICATION CHANNEL

Selangor govt provides virtual networking platform to help SMEs adapt to new norms of doing business >6

Digitalising to benefit businesses



Teng (second from right) launching the Selangor Business Hub digital platform. Looking on are (from left) Menteri Besar Incorporated chief executive officer Norita Mohd Sidiq, Hasan and Selangor Deputy State Secretary Dr Nor Fuad Abdul Hamid.

SMEs can look forward to virtual networking platform with new Selangor initiative

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WITH large-scale and international events as well as conferences unlikely to take place for the foreseeable future, the Selangor government is providing a virtual networking platform for businesses in the state through the Selangor Business Hub (SBH).

The SBH digital platform is expected to provide another channel of communication for businesses to engage and network with stakeholders, especially from the region, amid the movement restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Selangor investment, industry and trade, small and medium industries committee chairman Datuk Teng Chang Khim said the initiative showed that Selangor would always be forward-thinking to ensure SMEs would adapt to the new norms of doing business.

"Selangor is not hibernating and waiting for the crisis to be over.

"We plan to move up the value chain, to lead in finding a way out of the pandemic by using digitalisation as a tool.

"Rest assured that more initiatives dedicated to this cause will be introduced for the benefit of businesses in Selangor," he said during the launch of the platform.

He said the restricted movement had "forced" Malaysian companies, including Invest Selangor, to look at and operate differently from the office-based standard operating procedures (SOP).

"We have to accept the reality that the pandemic has created a domino effect on the Asean economy and also the rest of the world.

"Nonetheless, we will continue to facilitate and assist companies in Selangor in these times of uncertainty to keep their presence in the state and restore their confidence," Teng added.

Invest Selangor chief executive officer Datuk Hasan Azhari Idris said SBH could also expedite the migration of activities that were usually undertaken physically,

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Datuk Teng Chang Kim

into a virtual format.

"One of its advantages is that we can offer programmes and activities beyond official event dates as it is not constrained by space and venues," he said.

He added that one example of this was Selangor International Business Summit (SIBS) 2020 which would be held virtually on SBH from Oct 14 to 17.

For now, 300 merchants from 10 countries have signed on, and the state investment company is looking to bring on board 3,000 merchants in a year's time.

SBH comprises three key components – the Invest Selangor Investment Promotional Programmes, the Virtual Selangor Business Summit and the Selangor Information Technology and E-Commerce Council (Sitec).

Under the Invest Selangor Investment Promotional Programmes, members can participate in virtual conferences and webinars organised by Invest Selangor as well as virtual meetings with potential partners or investors across the region.

The Virtual Selangor International Business Summit, is an alternative online format of the annual SIBS and comprises the Selangor International Expo, Selangor Asean Business Conference and Selangor Smart City and Digital Economy Convention.

The third component – Sitec Virtual Hub – is an information and webinar hub for programmes conducted by Sitec, to expand the reach to the international audience.



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Sultan buys Khalid Jamlus' Golden Boot

SHAH ALAM: The Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has bought the Golden Boot belonging to former national footballer Khalid Jamlus.

According to the official Selangor Royal Official social media account today, a brief handover ceremony took place at Istana Alam Shah, Klang.

He also agreed that the Golden Boot trophy won by Khalid in 2002 be placed at the Selangor Football Gallery located in the palace grounds.

Khalid had represented Selangor in the Premier League in the 2005-2006 season.

Khalid, who is also a former Perak player, won the Golden Boot award after scoring 17 goals while helping Perak emerge as Premier League 1 champions in the 2002 season.

Earlier, the media reported that the former national striker wanted to sell his Golden Boot for RM10,500 through a live bid on his Facebook page, after being unemployed for three years and his contract as assistant coach with Police was not extended. — Bernama



Royal help:
 Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah (left) and Khalid posing for a photo with the Golden Boot.



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Selangor ruler buys Khalid's Golden Boot

KUALA LUMPUR: Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has bought the Golden Boot belonging to former national football player Muhamad Khalid Jamlus to be included in the collection at his football museum.

In a simple yet meaningful ceremony at Istana Alam Shah yesterday morning, the 43-year-old handed over the treasured item, which has been in his possession for the past 18 years, for an undisclosed sum to the sultan.

The former Perak striker made known his intention to sell his medals, jerseys, posters and the historic Dunhill Golden Boot, which he won in the 2002 M-League season for being the top scorer, as he had been jobless for more than three years upon re-

tiring from the game.

He intends to use the money from the sale of the items to help him and his family get by financially.

Many interested parties had come forward, with one buyer offering RM50,000 and another RM99,999 for the Golden Boot.

The Selangor Royal Office posted six photographs on its Facebook account of the former national player handing over the Golden Boot to the Selangor ruler at the Selangor Football Museum Gallery in Istana Alam Shah.

Khalid started playing in 1993 and grew with the sport, making a name for himself in the local and international arenas.

In 2002 he went on trial with



Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah with former national football player Muhamad Khalid Jamlus at the handing over ceremony of the Golden Boot yesterday. PIC FROM SELANGOR ROYAL OFFICE FACEBOOK PAGE

Eintracht Frankfurt, a German professional sports club currently playing in the Bundesliga, the top tier of the German football league system, but his stint fell short when he sustained an injury during training.

Khalid is widely regarded as one of the best strikers for the national team as well as Perak, where he holds the distinction of being the all-time top goal scorer, to date.

In 2005, Khalid signed to play

for Selangor FA and helped the state win a historic treble of the Malaysia Premier League, Malaysia Cup and Malaysia FA Cup.

He had also played for Kelantan FC at one time.



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WATER SQUAD BEGINS OP NEXT MONTH

Environmental Crime Prevention Unit will come down hard on polluters, says minister

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THE new Environmental Crime Prevention Unit, or "Unit Cegah Jenayah Alam Sekitar", is set to start operations next month.

Environment and Water Minister Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said the elite unit would comprise personnel from the Department of Environment, National Water Services Commission, Department of Biosafety and the police.

"The ministry views the issue of pollution seriously. This needs to be addressed in a holistic and proactive approach.

"This follows rampant pollution cases, with the latest incident at Sungai Gong, Selangor, which have a huge impact on the nation's environmental sustainability, economy as well as the health and wellbeing of the people," he told a press conference here yesterday.

While the respective agencies have been carrying out monitoring and enforcement of existing laws, they faced limitations, he said.

Thus, he said, the ministry needed support in terms of logistics, forensic and intelligence expertise, enforcement as well as enhancement of relevant laws.

He said the ministry would soon discuss the appointment of personnel in the unit with the Public Service Department and Finance Ministry.

He said the police would also be empowered to take action against environmental criminals under the Environmental Quality Act and Water Services Industry Act 2006. The force has received the delegation of authority to enforce the Biosafety Act 2007.

"I would like to thank the home minister (Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin) for this cooperation that enabled the establishment of the unit.

"With the formation of the unit, we hope to prevent, curb and solve environmental crimes in Malaysia more effectively."

Tuan Ibrahim said the ministry welcomed suggestions and assistance from all parties, including non-governmental organisations, in addressing pollution issues.

He gave an assurance that the new unit would come down hard on polluters.



The recent Sungai Gong pollution had deprived 1.2 million account holders in the Klang Valley of water supply. The environment and water minister says discussions on the appointment of personnel in the Environmental Crime Prevention Unit will be held with the Public Service Department and Finance Ministry. FILE PIC

He said at the global level, environmental crime was the fourth largest organised crime after drugs, money laundering and human trafficking, which saw international trades valued at about US\$258 billion in 2016.

"According to the United Nations, the figure increases between five and seven per cent every year. Environmental crime does not only pose a threat to the country's sustainability and the people's health, but also to national security."

Tuan Ibrahim said the ministry was looking into amending the relevant laws to increase the penalty against polluters, among others.

"We hope to table the amendments to the law at the next Dewan Rakyat sitting this year."

Meanwhile, Federal Police Criminal Investigation Department's prosecution and law division deputy director SAC Mior Faridalathrash Wahid, who attended the meeting on the newly formed unit, said the cooperation

would see police extending assistance, including forensic expertise, like how it did in the Sungai Gong case.

He, however, said the selection criteria of policemen for the unit had yet to be determined.

On a separate matter, Tuan Ibrahim said the investigation paper into the recent Sungai Gong pollution, which led to millions in the Klang Valley without water supply recently, had been submitted to the Attorney-General's Chambers last week.

"The investigation paper was submitted by the ministry and SPAN.

"The director, chief executive and other officers of the company responsible for the pollution could be charged under Section 43 of the Environmental Quality Act 1974.

"We will not compromise with any parties involved in polluting our water resources and wish to send a clear message to all that we are serious in dealing with environmental pollution," Tuan Ibrahim said.

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

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



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RESIDENTS in the Klang Valley once again endured water disruption for several days recently. It appears that this is a recurrent incident.

The question is, why should the public suffer inconvenience due to the irresponsible acts of some individuals with regard to water pollution?

While the laws to curb such actions are in place, what is lacking is vigorous enforcement. While it is possible to amend the laws to impose stiffer punishment, what is more important is enforcement.

The authorities must monitor the operations of factories located near the rivers to ensure that they strictly comply with the regulations. There should be no compromise with violators of the laws.

Not only should the offenders be prosecuted and punished if found guilty, their business licences must

be revoked and assets confiscated. This will serve as a lesson to the offenders not to flout the laws.

Some quarters may argue that the revoking of licences and confiscation of assets are unfair as this will affect the livelihood of workers in the company.

This argument may be rebutted with the contention that the workers have a duty to expose the wrongdoings of the management.

If, despite the disclosure, no action is forthcoming, they should alert the authorities under the Whistleblower Protection Act 2010. Their move will be lauded as they are not serving their self-interest but the larger interests of the company and the public.

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5 to be charged for dumping effluents

PETALING JAYA: Four company directors and a factory manager, who were held for investigations into the dumping of effluents into Sungei Gong in Rawang are expected to face multiple charges of alleged pollution to the environment today.

Selangor police CID chief SAC Datuk Fadzil Ahmat said yesterday that the Attorney-General's Chambers ordered the five suspects to be jointly charged for "discharging or depositing scheduled waste into the environment leading to pollution" under Section 25 of the Environment Quality Act and "mischief by injury to works of irrigation" under Section 430 of the Penal Code.

He said the directors and manager will be charged at the Selayang sessions court at 8am today.

Fadzil said four others who were arrested in connection with the case were freed on bail.

The four directors of the family-run Yip Chee Seng & Sons Sdn Bhd in Batu Arang, Rawang were arrested on Sept 4 and have spent the past 10 days in remand to facilitate investigations into the case.

The brothers, who are aged between 50 and 60, were held after large quantities of effluents suspected to have originated from their company were found dumped in Sungai Gong. – by

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Environmental crime prevention unit created

PUTRAJAYA: An Environmental Crime Prevention Unit has been set up to curb environmental pollution in the country, said Environment and Water Minister Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man (*pix*).

The unit is expected to begin operations early in October. It involves agencies under the ministry, namely the Department of Environment, National Water Services Commission, Biosafety Department as well as the police.

The ministry's enforcement agencies will support them in terms of logistic resources, forensic and intelligence expertise, manpower and the consolidation of laws and jurisdiction.

"It is hoped that the setting up of the unit will help prevent, curb and solve planned environmental crimes in Malaysia more effectively," Ibrahim said.

According to him, the United Nations classifies planned environmental crimes as the fourth biggest planned crime after drugs, money laundering and human trafficking, which cost US\$258 billion (RM1.06 trillion) in 2016.

He said it was agreed the police would take immediate action against



environmental criminals as enforcement power under the Environmental Quality Act 1974 and the Water Services Industry Act 2006 would be handed to them while the Biosafety Act 2017 enforcement power was already under them.

Meanwhile, the Attorney-General's Chambers has ordered five suspects to be charged for "discharging or depositing scheduled waste into the environment leading to pollution" in the recent Sungai Gong case. - Bernama



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Special task force formed to tackle environmental crimes

Amendments of environmental laws will see harsher punishments imposed on offenders, says minister

by SHAHEERA AZMAN SHAH

A SPECIAL task force has been established to look into environmental crimes committed in the country and to set out justifiable punishments for the culprits.

Environment and Water Minister Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said the environmental crimes unit, which is a collaboration between the Home Affairs Ministry (KDN), Department of Environment, National Water Services Commission, Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) and Department of Biosafety, is expected to commence enforcement next month.

The task force permits PDRM to take immediate action on environmental criminals as it has been granted the power to arrest under the Environmental Quality Act 1974 and the Water Services Industry Act 2006. Previously, PDRM only had the power to enforce the Biosafety Act 2007 against polluters.

"The complexity in environmental enforcement requires structural changes within the govern-



The ministry will ensure that the cost of the cleaning process for river pollution is at the expense of the factories responsible for waste dumping, says Tuan Ibrahim

ment as the agencies need logistical and forensics support, adequate enforcement officers and tighter laws.

"From the meeting between KDN and the Environment and Water Ministry (yesterday), an environmental crimes unit was set up which involves several agencies under the ministry," Tuan Ibrahim said at a press conference in Putrajaya yesterday.

He said additional funds will be requested from the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service Department to increase the

number of enforcement officers, based on the urgency of the cases reported and investigated by the task force.

Tuan Ibrahim said the amendments of Malaysia's environmental laws will see harsher punishments imposed on the offenders.

Among the proposed amendments are higher compound rates, stern action in suspending the culprits' business licences and putting the cost of the cleaning process for river pollution on the offenders.

"We will raise the amount of

compound issued to the culprits as the rate that we have right now is too low.

"The ministry will also make sure that the cost of the cleaning process for river pollution is at the expense of the factories responsible for waste dumping."

He said the process of amending the Environment Quality Act 1974 and the Water Services Industry Act 2006 is currently underway and that the amendments are expected to be brought to the Parliament during the next session.

The Sungai Gong pollution early this month was the latest fiasco after discharged effluent was found in the river, causing disruption in water supply to 1.2 million people.

Four managers of a factory in Rawang, suspected to be involved in the industrial waste dumping at the river, have been remanded.

PDRM submitted its investigation papers on the incident to the Attorney General's Chambers last week.

Tuan Ibrahim said the offenders of the Sungai Gong pollution could be charged under Section 43 of the Environment Quality Act 1974.

"Under the Act, we could take action against the company's CEO, managers, directors or officers who are involved in the crime."