
Kelantan told to tackle water woes

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KOTA BARU: International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed has urged Air Kelantan Sdn Bhd to solve water woes suffered by the people of Kelantan for the past 21 years.

Mustapa, who is also member of parliament for Jeli, said his constituency had experienced disruption in water supply since yesterday, making it difficult for Muslims to perform their prayers during Ramadan and make preparations for Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

"I am worried by a report by the Association of Water and Energy Research Malaysia (Awer) that Hulu Kelantan residents are at risk of contracting leptospirosis as their water source is contaminated with rat urine."

Awer president S. Piarapakaran was quoted as saying that there was a high risk of contamination of the water source, a highland spring in Kuala Krai.

He said an Awer study also found water quality in several areas in Kelantan like Kuala Krai, Temangan, Kota Baru, Machang, Pasir Puteh, Jeli, Bachok and Tanah Merah, to be unsatisfactory.

In a statement, Air Kelantan customer affairs executive Hazwan Hassan said the Jeli district was facing water disruption for six days since Monday as the production capacity at the Jeli and Air Lanas water treatment plants had dropped drastically and the situation was being rectified. -- Bernama

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