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Selangor braces for dry taps

THE people of Selangor are not only seeing hazy skies but facing uncertainty over whether, and when, the taps will run dry again.

And, yes, the political environment of the richest state in Malaysia is going through tumultuous times indeed.

The wrath of nature affects everyone. The dry and hazy days are set to linger on because of the onset of the dry season that will last till the end of September, according to the Malaysian Meteorological Department.

A few days of rain have helped clear the haze, but made no noticeable impact on the levels at the major dams in Selangor.

One example stands out – when the last rationing exercise was imposed between February and March, the level at the Sungai Selangor dam was 37%. It is now 33.46%. And there is still no word on whether a water rationing exercise will be carried out again.

The National Water Services Commission (SPAN) says it is waiting for the Selangor government to decide if another round of water rationing is required.

The Selangor Water Management Authority (LUAS) appears to be in the dark.

Its director Md Khairi Selamat said there were no discussions calling for another round of rationing and that further information on the state's plans would only be revealed by the state councillor in charge of infrastructure.

And so we wait.

As we have seen from the last exercise, there was much confusion over how the rationing exercise was carried out.

From the consumer's perspec-

tive, having supply on alternate days lessened the inconvenience, but questions remain as to how much water was actually saved with the exercise.

The people kept more water than was needed and on days when the taps were running, they were in fact hoarding for the dry days and beyond.

If another rationing exercise were to be carried out, such issues should be looked into because the ultimate objective must be to ensure a long-term supply and for the dam levels to slowly come back to normal.

With the heavy rains only expected towards the end of the year – and hopefully they will fall over the catchment areas – it appears that this water issue will carry on for a long time.

In fact, it might persist even after the curtains fall on the political drama going on in Selangor.

And should there be a change of the main characters, or even a new act altogether, the residents of Selangor are not about to bring the house down with their applause.

In their hearts, these residents, and by extension the wider Klang Valley population involving the people of Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya as well, the business of the day must surely be to solve the water crisis once and for all.

That will be the real sterling performance for which accolades are deserved.



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Kepulauan Caroline Timur Dilanda Gempa Bumi Kuat

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Ogos (Bernama) -- Gempa bumi berukuran 6.7 pada skala Richter melanda Kepulauan Caroline Timur, Mikronesia pagi ini.

Menurut [Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia](#), gempa berlaku pada 8.22 pagi di 0.9 darjah Utara dan 146.1 darjah Timur, kira-kira 572 kilometer timur laut Wiwak, Papua New Guinea dan 3,090 kilometer tenggara Semporna, Sabah.

Gempa tidak mendatangkan ancaman tsunami.

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Angin Kencang Barat Daya Dijangka Berterusan Sehingga Selasa

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Ogos (Bernama) -- Angin kencang Barat Daya dengan kelajuan 40 hingga 50 kilometer sejam (kmsj) dengan ombak mencapai ketinggian 3.5 meter yang berlaku di Perlis, Kedah, Kudat dan pantai barat Sabah dijangka berterusan sehingga Selasa ini.

Menurut Jabatan Meteorologi, keadaan angin kencang dan laut bergelora ini adalah berbahaya kepada bot-bot kecil, rekreasi dan sukan laut.

Sementara itu keadaan angin kencang Barat Daya dengan kelajuan 40-50 kmsj dengan ombak mencapai ketinggian 3.5 meter yang berlaku di kawasan perairan Phuket, Condore, Reef North, Layang-Layang dan Palawan juga dijangka berterusan sehingga Selasa.

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Menurut kenyataan [Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia](#) hari Ahad, angin kencang dengan kelajuan 40 hingga 50 kilometer sejam (kmsj) dengan ketinggian ombak sehingga 3.5 meter di kesemua kawasan itu berbahaya kepada bot-bot kecil, rekreasi laut dan sukan laut.

Sementara itu, tiupan angin kencang barat daya dan laut bergelora di kawasan perairan Phuket, Condore, Reef North, Layang-Layang dan Palawan di Filipina juga dijangka berterusan sehingga Selasa.

Ia membawa angin dengan kelajuan 40 hingga 50 kmsj dan ombak yang boleh mencapai ketinggian sehingga 3.5 meter.

Menurut kenyataan itu lagi, ribut petir yang berlaku di perairan Reef South pula dijangka berterusan sehingga awal malam ini.

Keadaan itu boleh menyebabkan angin kencang sehingga 50 kmsj dan laut bergelora dengan ombak mencapai ketinggian 3.5 meter yang berbahaya kepada bot kecil.

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