

Negri to impose water rationing if low rainfall persists

SEREMBAN: Negri Sembilan may start rationing water supply in two weeks if rainfall in the state continues to dwindle in the next two to three weeks.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said rainfall had dropped 50 per cent compared with last year, and if the situation continued, the state would have to impose scheduled water rationing.

"Many rivers are either drying up or at low levels to the point where we

have to release water from dams so that water treatment plants can operate.

"If there is still no rain in two to three weeks, there is a possibility that we will impose scheduled water rationing at night," he said here yesterday after chairing the state executive council's weekly meeting.

He said among the affected areas were in eastern Negri Sembilan, which included Kuala Pilah, Jempol, Gemas, Tampin, Jelebu and lat-

er on, possibly Seremban.

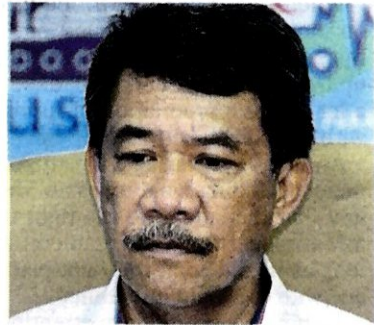
Hasan denied claims by Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali that the Sungai Semenyih pollution case in Selangor was due to sabotage and had originated from Negri Sembilan.

"I have received the technical report from the state Environment and Forestry Department which concluded that the source of water pollution in Selangor did not originate from Negri Sembilan.

"The department had used drones to investigate the matter and we found no traces of pollution or sabotage.

"Negri Sembilan is a small state and we can't afford to sabotage a big state like Selangor. The matter should not even be uttered from the mouth of a leader, such as Azmin."

Hasan said the allegations were unfair and leaders should help find solutions and solve problems rather than blame others.



Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan