

MB: Sungai Selangor polluters to face tough action

SHAH ALAM: The state government has said it is serious about keeping Sungai Selangor clean and would take action against anyone responsible for its contamination.

Mentri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim said an independent regulator and an operations auditor were engaged to investigate the source of the recent pollution.

The duo from an international consultancy firm had already conducted checks on the four water treatment plants, the source of which came from Sungai Selangor.

The four are the Sungai Selangor Phase 1, 2 and 3 and the Rantau Panjang treatment plants.

A report will be tabled at the state executive council meeting today.

"The state's Water Management Board and the Department of Environment will also be called to give a detailed explanation, find ways to resolve the problem and prevent a recurrence," said Khalid in a statement.

Production at the plants had declined from about 2,460 million litres daily to 1,000 million litres following a sudden turbidity of over 6,000 NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units) compared to 300 NTU on normal days.

Syabas corporate affairs division executive director Abdul Halem Mat Som was reported as saying on Sunday that it would be "worrying" if the turbidity continued beyond 8pm on Monday.

"It will result in disruption of clean water supply to about three million consumers in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur as well as commercial and industrial users," he said.

Yesterday, Syabas CEO Datuk Ruslan Hassan said the water quality had returned to normal.

He said the turbidity level of the river, which supplies water to 60% of the Klang Valley, had improved by Monday.

"And the four affected plants have resumed operating at full capacity of 2.68 billion litres of water a day."