

Water dilemma in Kuala Selangor



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A BROKEN bund at Sungai Bernam is said to be causing water disruption and low pressure in Tanjung Karang, Sekinchan and Sungai Besar.

The water level has dipped at Sungai Sireh, which flows from Sungai Bernam and affects the downstream flow of water into Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd water treatment plant in Tanjung Karang.

As a result, Kampung Ulu Tiram, Kampung Sungai Kajang, Sungai Burong Zone 1, Sungai Sireh, Bt 9 Tenggi Kiri, Pt 1 Sungai Burong, Sungai Burong Sawah, Jalan Ban Canal and Sekinchan areas are facing water disruption.

Syabas corporate affairs assistant general manager Priscilla Alfred said water supply from the river was not enough and it was affecting production at the plant.

"Our normal production is 22 million

litres per day (mld) but from Tuesday, the production dropped between 12 and 16 mld.

"We are diverting water supply from the Sungai Selangor Phase 2 plant to increase volume. We do not know how long we can continue to take water from another plant, which is also running at its maximum capacity of 990 mld.

"The surrounding areas are mostly for agriculture, so farmers rely on the water for their crops," she said, adding that the hot weather had not helped.

Meanwhile, Hulu Selangor District Council president Tukiman Nail said the Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department had been alerted about the matter.

It was reported that Selangor Mentri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim had instructed the Selangor Water Management Authority to speed up repair works on the broken bund, which is expected to be completed by April 2013.

Source of problem: The broken bund in Sungai Bernam has caused water level to dip at Sungai Sireh.