

Spill an irresponsible, unpatriotic act

IT has been reported and confirmed that four water treatment plants needed to be shut down after diesel contaminated Sungai Selangor, causing immense inconvenience and hardship to some three million consumers.

And it all happened on independence day when Malaysians celebrated a very historic occasion.

What a way to commemorate a day of great significance to our nation, not to mention the wedding parties, other celebrations and household needs.

Water concessionaire Syabas said although the treatment plants resumed operations partially after cleaning operations, normal supply in all affected areas would take a week to be fully restored.

Now that the Selangor government and the



authorities concerned have traced the source of the contamination to the culprits concerned for the oil spill the sternest possible action has to be taken against the persons responsible for the spillage.

What had been done is not only very irresponsible but also an unpatriotic act which must be deplored in the strongest possible terms.

At a time when there is so much mention of patriotism in conjunction with our independence day celebration I need to relate this oil spillage to an unpatriotic act.

I have mentioned several times that we can show our patriotism in many ways such as protecting our environment and doing noble things for the country.

Surely allowing the diesel spillage which can lead to the contamination of our rivers cannot be a patriotic act.

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