

# Govt to reveal mining stand

**BAUXITE MORATORIUM:** Activities can resume if rules are followed, says minister

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**T**HE government will announce its decision on whether or not to extend the three-month moratorium on all bauxite mining activities in Kuantan before April 15.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the situation was being monitored since Jan 15.

“The government will only allow bauxite mining activities if all parties adhered to the standard

operating procedures and regulations outlined in ports, transportation and mining,” he said at Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Wan Junaidi was commenting on the memorandum submitted by two non-governmental organisations — People’s Movement to Stop Bauxite Pollution and R2Green — to the ministry’s officials at Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

In August last year, the NST Special Probes Team wrote a series of articles highlighting the issue of environmental deterioration and toxic contamination

of water from bauxite residues in Kuantan, Pahang.



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