

Heatwave drying up dams

Water reserves reach critical level of 30% in six locations

PUTRAJAYA: Six dams are under close watch as water reserves reached critical level due to the hot and dry spell.

The dams are Timah Tasoh in Perlis, Gemencheh in Negri Sembilan, Sungai Lebam and Sungai Layang in Johor as well as Milau and Babagon in Sabah.

Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili said reserves at the dams were at the 30% level.

There was no water rationing exercise yet because it was up to the state governments to make the call," he said.

"If the water operator and state government find there is a need for water rationing, they will communicate to us through our regulator Span (National Water Services Commission).

"Span will then advise us. It does not just depend on the water level but also on how much water the operator can process," Dr Ongkili told reporters after launching the Third International Sustainable Energy Summit here yesterday.

On Langat 2, Ongkili said the project was 60% complete and expected to be finished in 2019.

The project is to ensure long term water supply in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

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