

Perlis on brink of water rationing

KANGAR: Perlis is not ruling out water rationing should there be no rainfall over the next four days.

Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azlan Man said the move might be necessary if the water level at Timah Tasoh Dam drops to 26.2m.

The water level at the dam stands at 26.29m, and based on current temperatures, the dam is losing 0.02 cubic metres daily.

"The rain two days ago is insuf-

ficient to raise the dam's water level because the rainfall was not heavy.

"Based on the current situation, if rain does not fall in the next four days, we will have to carry out water rationing. Details, such as the areas that will be affected, will be discussed with the authorities," he said on the sidelines of the state assembly sitting yesterday.

He said he hoped there would be rainfall from the cloud seeding ex-

ercises that would take place for a week beginning yesterday.

"Cloud seeding will be carried out in the northern areas and catchment areas near Timah Tasoh Dam starting yesterday. Hopefully it will rain in the next two or three days."

The hot and dry weather, brought about by the El Nino phenomenon, still hung over the northern states such as Kedah and Perlis, with temperatures breaching 37°C.