

Timah Tasoh Dam water level continues to recede

PADANG BESAR: The water level at the Timah Tasoh Dam here has seen a drop of 0.04m daily since two days ago.

Perlis Drainage and Irrigation Department deputy director Mohamad Nor Hafiz Noor Azmi said this could be due to water consumption by those returning to their villages and the influx of tourists during the Workers Day long weekend.

He said water level at the dam continued to drop by 0.04m to 26.06m yesterday from to 26.10m recorded on Sunday.

"Prior to this, the water level dropped by 0.01m to 0.02m a day," he said yesterday.

He said water supply at the dam could last until June if the

drought persisted.

In **George Town**, water levels continued to recede at the Air Itam and Teluk Bahang dams.

The capacity at the Air Itam Dam dropped to 55.2 per cent yesterday, compared with the 59.9 per cent recorded on April 14, while the Teluk Bahang Dam recorded a 57 per cent capacity yesterday, compared with 61.5 per cent on April 14.

Last Saturday, declining water levels at the Teluk Bahang Dam forced the Penang Dragon Boat festival to be postponed.

In **Johor Baru**, the water level at the Congok Dam was still below the critical level despite rainfall.

SAJ Holdings Sdn Bhd corporate communications head Jamaluddin

Jamil said the water level at the dam, which supplies raw water to the Tenglu water treatment plant, reached 4.18m after rainfall, but was still below the critical level of 4.5m.

He said the water-rationing exercise, which started on April 20 and is scheduled to end on May 15, would continue.

"As for the water level of Sungai Gembut, it is still below its warning level of 0.30m," Jamaluddin said.

Sungai Gembut supplies treated tap water via the Sungai Gembut water treatment plant to more than 5,000 residents in Kota Tinggi.

"For Sungai Sedili Kecil, we detected the presence of iron, but the water is treatable and the situation is

under control," he said, adding that the water level at the river stood at 1.78m, above the warning level of 1.5m.

"Meanwhile, the water level of Sungai Mersing, which supplies water to Sungai Mersing water treatment plant, showed an increase of 0.29m yesterday, bringing the level to 12.01m, above the warning level of 11.70m," said Jamaluddin.

In **Shah Alam**, recent rainfall in the Klang Valley has boosted water levels at several dams in Selangor. According to the Lembaga Urus Air Selangor website, five dams in the state recorded an improvement in water levels compared with last month.

Subang Lake recorded the highest volume at 83.76 per cent, while Sun-

gai Labu recorded the lowest with 45.45 per cent. Others were Sungai Semenyih (67.52 per cent), Sungai Langat (75.64 per cent) and Klang Gates (57.92 per cent).

Meanwhile, the reservoir capacity at Sungai Selangor and Batu remained at 62.32 per cent and 69.80 per cent, respectively, despite the rain.

State infrastructure and public facilities executive councillor Zaidy Abdul Talib said the "Jom Kempen Jimat Air" campaign to conserve water was ongoing.

Launched two months ago, it will cover all local councils in the state.

"We want to instil the culture of conserving water among the public," said Zaidy.