



National Water Services Commission commissioner **Professor Datuk Dr N. Marimuthu** (left) checking on the water level at the **Bukit Merah dam** yesterday. Bernama pic

Perak urged to start water rationing

URGENT: Don't wait until Bukit Merah dam's water level drops further, says Span commissioner

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PERAK has been urged to start water rationing instead of waiting for the water level at the Bukit Merah dam to worsen.

National Water Services Commission (Span) commissioner Professor

Datuk Dr N. Marimuthu urged the state government not to wait until the situation became a disaster.

"From our point of view, the Bukit Merah dam is in bad state compared with other dams in the country," he said after visiting the Bukit Merah dam and Semangol water treatment plant here yesterday.

Present was Span water regulatory department executive director Marzuki Mohammad.

Marimuthu said the state government should not take the risk as the Bukit Merah lake might dry up due to the unpredictable weather.

"I want the public, especially those in Kamunting and Taiping, to know that they are facing a water crisis and they should try to limit the usage," he said, adding that the El Nino phenomenon might prolong until September.

If water was rationed every two days, he said, the water supply at the reservoir could last longer.

He said the Bukit Merah dam was very important because it supplied water to the

Gunung Semangol and Jalan Baru treatment plants.

"We have no authority over the
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