



AIR KELANTAN URGED TO SOLVE WATER WOES



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KOTA BAHARU, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed has urged Air Kelantan Sdn Bhd to solve water woes suffered by the people of Kelantan for the past 21 years.

Mustapa, who is also Member of Parliament for Jeli, said his constituency experienced water disruption since yesterday, causing difficulties to Muslims in performing worships in the month of Ramadan and making preparations for Aidilfitri.

"I am worried over a report by the Association of Water and Energy Research Malaysia (Awer) that Hulu Kelantan residents are at risk of contracting leptospirosis as their water source is contaminated with rat urine," he told reporters here last night.

Awer president S.Piarapakaran was quoted as saying that there was a high risk of contamination of the water source, a highland spring in Kuala Krai.

He said an Awer study also found water quality in several areas of Kelantan such as Kuala Krai, Temangan, Kota Baharu, Machang, Pasir Puteh, Jeli, Bachok, and Tanah Merah to be unsatisfactory while the water was muddy and smelly.

In a statement, Air Kelantan customer affairs executive Hazwan Hassan said Jeli district was facing water disruption for six days since Monday as the production capacity at the Jeli and Air Lanas water treatment plants dropped drastically and the situation was being rectified.

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