

High risk of leptospirosis in Kuala Krai water source

KUALA LUMPUR (Aug 23, 2011): Residents of Kuala Krai in Kelantan are at risk of contracting Leptospirosis, which is caused by rat urine, through the contamination of their water source, according to the Association of Water and Energy Research.

Association president S.Piarapakaran said today that a study showed that there was a high risk of contamination of the water source, a highland spring.

"The residents of this area are endangering their lives by using the water," he said in a statement.

He said the study that the association carried out 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.

The water was muddy and smelly, Piarapakaran said. – *Bernama*

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