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# Dua loji rawatan air henti operasi, 273 lokasi terjejas

Gangguan bekalan akibat pencemaran di Sungai Semenyih

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**Shah Alam:** Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Sungai Semenyih dan LRA Bukit Tamboi dekat sini, terpaksa dihenti tugas sepenuhnya susulan pencemaran air mentah di Sungai Semenyih, semalam.

Insiden itu menyebabkan bekalan air ke 273 kawasan membabitkan 309,605 akaun pengguna mengalami gangguan tidak berjadual.

Ketua Komunikasi Korporat Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn

Bhd (Air Selangor), Elina Baseri, berkata gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual membabitkan empat wilayah iaitu Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat dan Sepang.

"Kami sudah melaporkan insiden ini kepada Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) dan tindakan untuk mengenal pasti punca pencemaran Sungai Semenyih dan anak sungai di sekitarnya giat dijalankan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Elina berkata, Air Selangor sudah mengaktifkan Pelan Tindakan Kecemasan (ERP) bagi menggiatkan bantuan kepada pengguna yang terjejas berikutan insiden berkenaan.

"Pada masa ini, kami masih belum dapat menjangkakan tempoh masa pengoperasian semula loji dan pemulihan bekalan. Air Selangor akan memaklumkan perkembangan berkaitan insiden ini dari semasa ke



Elina Baseri

semasa menerusi semua medium khususnya media massa," katanya.

Katanya, pengguna boleh merujuk perkembangan insiden berkenaan melalui aplikasi Air Selangor, semua saluran rasmi media sosial syarikat itu termasuk Facebook, Twitter, Instagram Air Selangor dan laman wwwairselangor.com untuk maklumat berkenaan.

Pencemaran sumber air mentah utama untuk LRA Sungai Semenyih dan LRA Bukit Tamboi itu adalah yang kedua berlaku di Lembah Klang dalam tempoh kira-kira sebulan, selepas pencemaran Sungai Gong di Rawang, awal bulan lalu.

Dalam insiden terdahulu, sebanyak 1,292 kawasan di tujuh wilayah sekitar Lembah Klang mengalami gangguan bekalan air berikutan pencemaran Sungai Gong akibat pencemaran minyak dari industri berhampiran sehingga menjelaskan kira-kira lima juta pengguna.

Tujuh wilayah berkenaan ialah Kuala Lumpur, Petaling, Klang/Shah Alam, Kuala Selangor, Hulu Selangor, Gombak dan Kuala Langat. Susulan itu, empat ahli lembaga pengarah dan seorang pengurus syarikat membaki jentera berat didakwa di mahkamah sebelum dibenarkan ikat jamin.



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### JAS buat pemeriksaan kenal pasti kaedah lupus sisa klinikal

**Kuala Lumpur:** Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) akan melakukan operasi memeriksa klinik swasta bagi mengenal pasti kaedah pelupusan sisa klinikal di setiap premis berkenaan.

Ketua Pengarahan, Norlin Jaafar, berkata selain mengemukakan data lengkap proses pembuangan sisa klinikal, pengusaha klinik perlu memaklumkan kaedah pelupusan ubat yang tamat tempoh untuk memastikan ia diurus mengikut arahan dan peraturan ditetapkan.

"Sebelum ini, kita periksa kilang yang melepaskan sisa industri ke dalam sungai, tetapi dalam operasi seterusnya, kita akan turut menyasarkan premis lain yang berpotensi mengeluarkan sisa klinikal berbahaya seperti klinik.

"Setiap klinik perlu memastikan sisa klinikal dilupuskan mengikut peraturan berjadual dan kaedah ditetapkan. Mereka perlu menyimpan rekod pelupusan, selain perlu berdaftar dengan JAS," katanya kepada *BH*, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Norlin berkata, sisa klinikal adalah sesuatu yang berbahaya kerana ia mungkin mengandungi kuman, bakteria atau virus yang tidak dapat dikesan pada pandangan mata kasar, seterusnya menimbulkan risiko kesihatan pada manusia.

"Sisa klinikal hospital seperti jarum bedah dan kapas biasanya dilupuskan melalui pembakaran, tetapi bukan pembakaran terbuka. Ia dilupuskan melalui proses sudah ditetapkan untuk memastikan setiap kuman, virus atau bakteria yang ada dihapuskan.

"Disebabkan itu, kami juga memohon pengusaha klinik berdaftar dengan sistem eSWIS yang dibangunkan JAS untuk memastikan sisa itu dilupuskan secara teratur," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya terkejut apabila menjumpai sisa klinikal dibungkus dalam bekas makanan haiwan sebelum dibuang ke Sungai Gong di Rawang, Selangor ketika aktiviti gotong-royong Kementerian Air dan Sumber Asli, kelmarin.

"Itu kali pertama JAS menemu sisa klinikal dalam sungai. Tindakan tegas perlu diambil untuk memastikan perkara sama tidak berulang. Jika kementerian tidak buat gotong-royong, pasti sukar mengesan kesalahan ini.

"Inilah kelebihan kewujudan inisiatif Denai Sungai kerana ia membolehkan orang ramai memainkan peranan. Kami percaya ini bukan kali pertama sisa klinikal dibuang di situ dan kini menunggu laporan Jabatan Kimia untuk tindakan lanjut," katanya.



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*Klinik haiwan dikesan buang sisa klinikal di Sungai Gong*

# Semua klinik perlu ikut peraturan

**Kuala Lumpur:** Semua klinik swasta, sama ada merawat manusia atau haiwan perlu mengikuti garis panduan ketat dalam pengurusan pelupusan sisa klinikal kerana kecuaian dalam aspek itu boleh membahayakan kesihatan awam.

Presiden Persatuan Doktor-Doktor Veterinar Asia, Datuk Dr Quaza Nizamuddin Hassan Nizam, berkata seperti klinik lain, klinik haiwan tidak terkecuali perlu mematuhi peraturan ditetapkan kerana sisa klinikal seperti jarum atau kapas mengandungi kuman atau bakteria.

"Sisa klinikal seperti jarum atau kapas mengandungi kuman atau bakteria boleh merebak ke tempat lain. Sebab itu, setiap klinik termasuk klinik haiwan per-

lu mengikuti garis panduan Kementerian Kesihatan, terutama dalam pelupusan sisa klinikal.

"Jika sisa klinikal tidak dilupuskan dengan betul, kita bimbang penyakit, kuman atau bakteria yang ada pada sisa itu mengakibatkan jangkitan yang tidak sepertutnya. Inilah tujuan utama prosedur pelupusan sisa klinikal diwujudkan," katanya ketika dihubungi *BH*, semalam.

*BH* difahamkan, semua ubat-ubatan yang digunakan untuk merawat haiwan adalah berbahaya jika tidak dilupuskan dengan betul.

Mengulas tindakan sebuah klinik haiwan membuang sisa klinikal ke dalam Sungai Gong di Rawang, beliau menyifatkan ia perbuatan tidak bertanggungja-

wab dan tidak sepatutnya berlaku dalam sektor perkhidmatan berkenaan.

"Perbuatan dilakukan klinik berkenaan adalah salah kerana tidak mengikuti garis panduan klinikal, sekali gus boleh memberi kesan besar kepada alam sekitar serta membahayakan kesihatan awam," katanya.

Kelmanin, *BH* melaporkan, sebuah klinik haiwan dikesan membuat sisa klinikal seperti jarum, picagari dan bekas dipercayai digunakan dalam pembedahan yang masih mempunyai kesan darah.

Penemuan oleh pegawai penyiasat Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) itu turut disaksikan Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian Alam Sekitar dan Air, Datuk Seri Dr Zaini Ujang yang menyertai gotong-royong membersihkan sebahagian Sungai Gong untuk dijadikan denai.

Berikut itu, JAS membuka kertas siasatan dan mengambil tindakan mengikut Seksyen 3b Akta Kualiti Alam Sekeling 1974.

Dr Quaza Nizamuddin berkata, setiap doktor haiwan mempunyai kod etika ketat dan perlu dipatuhi.

Katanya, klinik swasta biasanya menyerahkan urusan pelupusan sisa klinikal kepada syarikat luar mempunyai kelulusan berkaitan kerana bahan itu tidak boleh dibuang sewenang-wenangnya.



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**Quaza Nizamuddin Hassan Nizam,**  
Presiden Persatuan Doktor-Doktor Veterinar Asia

Awal bulan lalu, 1,292 kawasan di tujuh wilayah sekitar Lembah Klang mengalami gangguan belum air berikutan pencemaran Sungai Gong akibat pencemaran minyak dari industri berham-piran sehingga menjelaskan kira-kira lima juta pengguna.



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# Lagi gangguan air, lebih sejuta terjejas

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Isu gangguan bekalan air dikaitkan dengan pencemaran belum selesai malah semakin kerap sehingga membebankan pengguna di Lembah Klang, terutamanya Selangor.

Walaupun tindakan dan amaran diberikan terhadap mereka yang bertanggungjawab menjadi punca kepada sumber air tercemar namun perkara sama terus berlaku.

Terbaharu, sebanyak 309 687 akaun dengan lebih sejuta pengguna di 274 kawasan di Selangor terjejas akibat pencemaran air mentah di Sungai Semenyih.

Gangguan bekalan air dijangka menjejaskan empat kawasan iaitu Wilayah Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat dan Sepang.

Ketua Komunikasi Korporat,

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Ketua Komunikasi Korporat, Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. (Air Selangor), Elina Basri berkata, berikutnya pencemaran itu Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Sungai Semenyih dan Bukit Tampoi dihenti tugas.

Menurut beliau, pihak Air Selangor memaklumkan insiden tersebut kepada Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) untuk mengenal pasti punca pencemaran air mentah di sepanjang Sungai Semenyih dan sungai sekitarnya.

"Pihak Air Selangor telah mengaktifkan Pelan Tindakan Kecemasan (ERP) bagi menggiatkan bantuan kepada pengguna yang terjejas.

"Namun, kami belum dapat menjangkakan tempoh masa pengoperasian semula loji dan pemulihan bekalan dalam kenyataan malam tadi.

Elina berkata, Air Selangor akan memaklumkan perkembangan berkaitan bekalan air dari semasa ke semasa menerusi semua medium khususnya media massa.

Ini bukan kali pertama ke-

jadian gangguan bekalan air membabitkan pencemaran sungai.

Bulan lalu, akibat pencemaran Sungai Gong di Rawang telah menjejaskan 1.2 juta akaun pengguna di 1,292 kawasan di Lembah Klang.

Masalah yang berlarutan kira-kira seminggu menyumbulkan tidak puas hati dalam kalangan pengguna.

Berikutnya kejadian itu juga, empat adik beradik pemilik sebuah bengkel mencuci jentera dihadapkan ke mahkamah kerana mencemarkan Sungai Gong.

# Lagi gangguan air, lebih sejuta terjejas

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# Siap sedia terima pesakit bukan Covid-19 dari HSB

**Shah Alam:** Semua hospital di Selangor diminta bersiap sedia menerima pesakit bukan Covid-19 dari Hospital Sungai Buloh (HSB).

Pengarah Kesihatan Selangor, Dr Sha'ari Ngadiaman berkata, pihaknya sudah mengeluarkan surat rasmi bertarikh 2 Oktober lalu kepada semua pengarah hospital di negeri ini bagi memaklumkan perkara terbabit.

"Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Selangor (JKNS) mengeluarkan surat pada 2 Oktober lalu kepada semua hospital di Selangor agar

bersiap siaga dan pihak hospital sudah ambil maklum akan perkara ini.

"Kita sudah melaksanakannya sebelum ini pada Mac lalu. Bila sudah reda, keadaan kembali kepada asal dan sekarang kes bertambah. Jadi, kini semua hospital sentiasa siapsiaga dalam perkara ini," katanya.

Menurutnya, dalam surat berkenaan, JKNS juga meminta HSB agar bersiap segera bagi penukaran status dari Hospital *Hybrid* Covid-19 ke Hospital *Full Covid-19* berdasarkan arahan diberikan.



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# Mahasiswa di Selangor dapat 3 bentuk bantuan

**Selangor:** Kerajaan negeri mengambil inisiatif memberikan tiga bentuk sumbangan kepada mahasiswa membabitkan bantuan pengangkutan untuk pulang ke kampung, makanan serta pelitup muka dan pensanitasi tangan.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari berkata, melalui Kaukus Adun Muda Selangor menyalurkan bantuan awalan dengan kerjasama Team Selangor, Gabungan Pelajar Melayu Semenanjung, Mahasiswa Keadilan dan Biro Mahasiswa AMK Malaysia.

“Program ini memfokuskan bantuan kepada tiga kategori mahasiswa iaitu mahasiswa di Selangor yang belajar di Selangor, mahasiswa dari negeri lain yang belajar di Selangor dan mahasiswa Selangor yang belajar di negeri lain.

“Kerajaan negeri dalam rangka mengumpulkan maklumat sebelum agihan pengangkutan kepada mahasiswa yang perlu pulang ke kampung atau bantuan makanan atau pelitup mukadan pensanitasi tangan,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan media, semalam.



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# Bekalan air empat wilayah terjejas

**Shah Alam:** Loji Rawatan Air Sungai Semenyih dan Bukit Tampoi terpaksa dihenti tugas sepenuhnya ekoran insiden pencemaran air mentah di Sungai Semenyih yang menjadi sumber air mentah ke loji-loji berkenaan.

Ketua Komunikasi Korporat Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) Elina Baseri berkata, henti tugas loji-loji itu akan menyebabkan 273 kawasan terjejas membabitkan 309,605 akaun pengguna yang mengalami gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual.

"Gangguan ini membabitkan empat wilayah iaitu Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat dan Sepang.

"Air Selangor sudah melaporkan insiden ini kepada

Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (Luas) dan tindakan untuk mengenal pasti punca pencemaran air mentah di sepanjang Sungai Semenyih dan anak sungai di sekitar sungai itu sedang giat dijalankan," katanya.

Elina berkata, Air Selangor sudah mengaktifkan Pelan Tindakan Kecemasan (ERP) - bagi menggiatkan bantuan kepada pengguna yang terjejas.

"Pada masa ini, pihak kami masih belum dapat menjangkakan tempoh masa pengoperasian semula loji dan pemulihan bekalan. Air Selangor akan memaklumkan perkembangan berkaitan dengan insiden ini dari semasa ke semasa menerusi semua medium khususnya media massa," katanya.



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200 peneroka bantah pembinaan lombong, kecewa kenaikan sewa bulanan

## **'Kami bukannya korek emas di sini'**

Oleh MOHD. YUNUS YAKKUB

KUALA SELANGOR - Nasib kira-kira 200 peneroka kelapa sawit Taman Agroteknologi Pertanian Bestari Jaya di sini dibaratkan seperti sudah jatuh ditimpak tangga apabila bukan sahaja berdepan harga kelapa sawit yang tidak menentu, malah turut ditekan dengan kenaikan harga sewaan tanah tinggi.

Lebih menyedihkan, apabila para peneroka tersebut berdepan kehilangan tanaman yang diusahakan hampir 30 tahun lalu tanpa pampasan seperti yang pernah dialami golongan petani dan penternak di kawasan berkenaan.

Semuanya berpuncu daripada tindakan sebuah syarikat yang diberikan kuasa oleh anak syarikat negeri Selangor yang mahu menjadikan Taman Agroteknologi Pertanian seluas 1,942 hektar sebagai kawasan pelombongan. Seorang peneroka, Md.



PENEROKA Taman Agroteknologi Pertanian Bestari Jaya mahu nasib mereka dibela oleh pihak berkaitan.

Shawaludin Kamdi, 33, berkata, mereka menerima surat berkaitan perkara itu pada 17 Jun lalu dengan sewa bulanan dikenakan sebanyak RM110 bagi

0.4 sehektar dan dianggap sangat membebankan.

"Sebelum ini, tiada sewaan dikenakan dan sewaan itu amat tinggi dalam keadaan harga ke-

lapa sawit tidak menentu," katanya ketika ditemui Kosmo! di sini semalam.

Md. Shawaludin yang merupakan peneroka generasi kedua

menegaskan, pihaknya pernah berbincang bersama syarikat terlibat sebelum ini dan meminta surat kebenaran daripada kerajaan negeri sebagai bukti, namun mereka terus berdiam diri.

Katanya lagi, pihaknya juga sebelum ini turut menemui Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri Permatang Rozana Zainal Abidin dan Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri, Ng Suee Lim, namun tidak sebarang perkembangan.

Sementara itu, Tan Kuan San, 69, melahirkan kekecewaan apabila syarikat terbabit tidak pernah berjumpa untuk berbincang setakat ini dan hanya menghantar memo sewa tanah.

"Ingat kami korek emas ke di sini? Tanaman kapala sawit memberikan pendapatan pada kami yang terdiri daripada kaum Melayu, India dan Cina.

"Lombong pasir sudah ada berdekatan sini, kenapa hendak kacau kawasan tanaman kelapa sawit ini," katanya.



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RAZALI (belakang lima dari kanan) bergambar kenangan bersama peserta kem motivasi Zero to Hero di Kem Lambaian Danau, Jasin baru-baru ini.

## 35 belia wanita sertai kem 'Zero to Hero'

**MOTIVASI.** Seramai 35 belia wanita dari Kuala Selangor menyertai kem motivasi 'Zero to Hero' di Kem Lambaian Danau, Jasin, Melaka baru-baru ini. Kem anjuran Majlis Daerah Kuala Selangor (MDKS) itu

bertujuan memupuk semangat kerjasama dan melatih ketahanan diri peserta dari aspek mental dan fizikal.

Peserta menjalani pelbagai aktiviti lasak antaranya adalah Extreme Running Man, Water

Confidence, Bridge Jumping, War Game dan Survival Skill.

Acara tahunan selama tiga hari itu turut disertai Pengarah Jabatan Pembangunan Masyarakat MDKS, Razali Abdul Mayas.



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## Gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual di empat daerah

**SHAH ALAM** - Empat daerah iaitu Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat dan Sepang dijangka berdepan gangguan bekalan air tidak berjadual susulan insiden pencemaran air mentah di Sungai Semenyih.

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"Air Selangor akan memaklumkan perkembangan berkaitan insiden ini dari semasa ke semasa menerusi semua medium," katanya.



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# Bantu pelajar terjejas

Kerajaan Selangor lancar Bantuan Prihatin Mahasiswa Darul Ehsan

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Kerajaan Selangor melancarkan program Bantuan Prihatin Mahasiswa Darul Ehsan bagi membantu pelajar yang terkesan akibat penangguhan pendaftaran secara bersemuka bagi institusi pengajian tinggi (IPT).

Menteri Besar Selangor, Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari berkata, kerajaan negeri melalui Kaukus Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Muda Selangor dengan kerjasama Team Selangor, Gabungan Pelajar Melayu Semenanjung (GPMS), Mahasiswa Keadilan dan Biro Maha-

siswa Angkatan Muda Keadilan (AMK) Malaysia akan menyalurkan bantuan awal kepada pelajar terlibat.

"Bantuan ini akan memfokuskan kepada tiga kategori pelajar IPT iaitu, pelajar dari Selangor yang belajar di Selangor, pelajar dari negeri lain yang belajar di Selangor dan pelajar Selangor yang belajar di negeri lain," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Beliau berkata, kini pihaknya sedang berusaha untuk mengumpul maklumat daripada mahasiswa yang terjejas bagi menyediakan bantuan berupa pengangkutan untuk pulang ke kampung halaman, bantuan makanan ataupun bantuan berupa pelitup muka dan cecair pensanitasi tangan.

"Pelajar yang memerlukan bantuan boleh merujuk kepada pautan Borang Edaran TS Care Kit (IPTS): <http://bit.ly/mdekatA> dan Borang Bantuan Makanan Siswa Kampus Selangor (IPTA Sahaja) bagi proses permohonan serta maklumat tambahan.

"Kerajaan negeri berharap inisiatif ini dapat meringankan beban pelajar yang terkesan ketika ini," katanya.

Pada 27 September lalu, Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi mencadangkan semua IPT menangguhkan terlebih dahulu pendaftaran bersemuka penuntut baharu dan lama ke kampus yang dijadual bermula bulan ini selepas menterinya mencadangkan penangguhan sama membabitkan penuntut dari kawasan yang dikecualikan sebagai zon merah jangkitan Covid-19 baru-baru ini

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## FREE USAGE OF FACILITIES

Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) is offering free usage of selected facilities on selected dates, as a show of gratitude to its dwellers for a peaceful and harmonious city. Parking fee at Wisma MBSA will be waived on Oct 9; while parking fee at Section 18 transportation hub, rental of theatre site at Padang C and rental of MBSA multipurpose hall for badminton and sepak takraw are waived on Oct 10. MBSA is also offering a 50% discount on compounds and free membership to MBSA library this month.



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# Klang Valley taps go dry again

## Water cut to affect four districts

**PETALING JAYA:** Another river pollution has occurred, causing a water cut to parts of the Klang Valley, and prompting the newly-launched environmental crime prevention unit (UCJAS) to investigate the cause.

The Sungai Semenyih and Bukit Tampoi water treatment plants stopped operating yesterday after pollution was detected in Sungai Semenyih – the raw water source for both plants.

This happened just a month after the odour pollution in Sungai Gong led to water disruption, affecting 1,292 areas in the Klang Valley and nearly 1.2 million consumer accounts.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said the source of the Sungai Semenyih pollution, which brought unscheduled water cuts to more than 300,000 accounts, was detected around Sungai Batang Benar in Negri Sembilan.

He said the source of pollution was 30km from the Sungai Semenyih plant.

"I have contacted the Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar in order to resolve this issue together," said Amirudin on his Twitter account last night following a visit to the Sungai Semenyih water treatment plant.

He added that work to remove the contamination was being carried out.

Also on the ground with Amirudin was Environment and Water Minister Datuk Seri

Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man who said the source of pollution was found to be from around the Sungai Batang Benar industrial zone and that the odour was akin to that of carcasses.

"The exact location is still being investigated," he said on his Twitter account.

Tuan Ibrahim said that UCJAS, which was launched just last week, would investigate the matter.

"Yes, UCJAS will be investigating the case," he told *The Star*.

UCJAS consists of the Environment Department, the National Water Services Commission (SPAN), the Biosafety Department and the police.

Earlier, Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) said the Sungai Semenyih and Bukit Tampoi water treatment plants had to completely stop operating following the Sungai Semenyih pollution.

The cessation of operations for these plants will affect 274 areas, whereby 309,687 account holders will have unscheduled water supply disruptions in four districts; namely Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat and Sepang.

As at press time, Air Selangor said that it could not indicate yet when water supply would resume.

"Air Selangor has activated its emergency response plan in order to provide assistance to affected consumers," it added.



## KERATAN AKHBAR

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# More properties abandoned in recent years

THERE are currently 178 abandoned houses, 464 vacant land and one abandoned factory under Petaling Jaya City Council's (MBPJ) jurisdiction.

A city council spokesperson said the problem had become more serious over the past few years.

"Owners leave their homes uninhabited, causing under-growth, trees and bushes to form, which make the surrounding area unsightly.

"This condition is a nuisance to the local community, and it invites animals such as snakes, rats and insects, which carry diseases, to breed," he said.

At the moment, MBPJ under its Health and Environment Services department issues cleaning order notices under the Eradication of Waste by-laws (Undang-Undang Kecil Mencegah Kekotoran) 1999 to the landowners to clean up their premises within seven days.

"If the owner does not adhere

to the instructions, then the cleaning work will be carried out by the department and the cost is billed to the owner.

"This is to increase awareness on the need for owners to be more responsible for their property, and because many owners do not pay the cleaning cost," added the spokesperson.

In such cases, MBPJ will carry out enforcement under Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1976.

Under this section, any owner, occupier or tenant of a tenable house, building or land who leaves the property and surrounding land in a filthy and derelict state is guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of no more than RM1,000 or jail term not exceeding six months or both, and an additional fine of no more than RM100 for each day during which the offence is continued after the conviction.

As of August, MBPJ issued 615 notices to clean up abandoned premises to errant owners.

The city council also issued four compounds and four notices for homeowners to appear in court during the same period.





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# Flash floods at Jalan 19A, Selayang need to be addressed

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THE main road of Jalan 19A at Selayang Centre Point commercial area in Selayang Baru is prone to flash floods.

Water rises to an average knee height of 51cm whenever there is a downpour.

All it takes is half an hour of rainfall for roads to be filled with water.

Motorists who fail to remove their vehicles in time from Jalan 19A inadvertently suffer damage to their vehicles.

Clay vessel dealer, Phua Siew Hock, 50, said in April, continuous rain caused water levels to rise and his van which was parked along Jalan 19A was damaged in the incident.

"I could not do much as water had covered the van's tyres and seeped into the engine. Other cars along Jalan 19, Jalan 19B and the nearby areas were also partially submerged," he said.

Businessman, Lau Thia See, 80, said the issue of recurring flash floods had been raised to Selayang Municipal Council's (MPS) Engineering Department but it fell on deaf ears.

"Each general election promises are made for drainage rectification works but they are all empty promises.

"We are desperate for a solution as our businesses are affected," he added.

Ong Cheng San, 60, whose shop is at the corner of Jalan 1C and Jalan 19A said flash floods affected property and caused much economic hardship because cus-



Deveandran (second from left) discussing with MPS officers and traders on the drainage rectification works needed to overcome flash floods at Selayang Centre Point in Selayang Baru.

tomers shun the area.

"Water in the partially closed sump at the corner of Jalan 1C and Jalan 19A hardly flows out," he said.

Ong suggested to MPS to thoroughly desilt the drains.

Trader Lim Heng Kee, 71, said the flash flood problem was getting worse.

"I feel MPS has no proper planning in addressing the flooding problem.

"The actual reason is backflow from a network of drains that channels to a stream leading to Sungai Udang," he added.

Last Friday, shopkeepers gathered at Jalan 19A to protest against MPS' inaction in address-

ing the flash flood issue.

Social activist Goh Eng Guan, 57, said if MPS was unable to handle rectification works to overcome the flash floods, then it should call the Selangor Drainage Irrigation Department for assistance.

"If Kumpulan Darul Ehsan Berhad (KDEB) contractors are not equipped with the tools to clean the drains then MPS should remove them."

"MPS should get its workers to do the job as it has all the tools including suction pumps," he said.

MPS councillor S. Deveandran said there were multiple issues causing the flash floods, ranging

from backflow of water as the drains were unable to cope with the volume of rainwater, to the lackadaisical attitude of KDEB workers in not removing silt and rubbish in the drains.

"The Selangor government allocated RM2mil to improve the drainage network but various issues of illegal extensions need to be addressed.

"We have to resolve this issue as even Jalan 11, Jalan 10A, Masjid At-Taqwa and the immediate areas experience flash floods.

"According to MPS engineers there is a need to have several retention ponds along the alignment of the stream to control the backflow of water," he said.



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**DEFICIT BUDGET**

Subang Jaya council sees drop in revenue for this year and 2021 >4

# Leaning on reserves to face deficit

Subang Jaya council optimistic about challenges ahead despite drop in revenue for two years

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SUBANG Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) is seeing a deficit budget this year and next year, which will be recovered using its reserves.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic and movement control order (MCO) imposed in March, MPSJ was only able to recoup RM250mil in revenue compared to its initial target of RM305mil.

Next year's budget will see an estimated total expenditure of RM297,675,410 with an estimated revenue of RM278,226,160. There is a deficit of RM19,449,250 which will be covered by its reserves.

MPSJ is also expecting to see an increase in both revenue and expenditure, which will total to RM21,680,660 and RM22,271,980, respectively.

"It will be tough for MPSJ to recover for this year and even next year although there will be an expected increase in revenue.

It will definitely take time," said MPSJ president Noraini Roslan, after launching a dialogue session with residents to discuss next year's budget and projects.

The two-day dialogue session which was held in Subang Jaya and Puchong, was attended by resident representatives who discussed which projects should be included in next year's budget.

Noraini added that the council's estimated budget for next year



Noraini (second from right) with Subang Jaya resident representatives discussing the projects which are to be included in next year's budget at the dialogue session organised by MPSJ.

was even lower than what was set for this year.

She, however, assured residents that basic services would not suffer despite the deficit.

Noraini was confident that she could get a lot done despite the smaller budget as she had the support and collaboration of various parties, including residents.

"I am not giving up hope because since 2018 we have been doing a lot more programmes compared to the years before. These are done through partnerships and community engagements with other agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGO)," she said.

She added that residents and

communities in some areas were able to hold over 300 programmes with the same amount of money allocated yearly.

Noraini cited an example of one programme during the MCO where only an RM10,000 community programme budget was allocated to help provide food to lower-income residents.

She said MPSJ officers sourced for the best prices for essential items and a normal basket of goods which cost RM100 was brought down to RM50 and RM35 in some cases.

Apart from the expected deficit, she said the last three months of the year usually experience a drop in revenue as most ratepayers paid their assessment in August.

"We are usually able to collect up to 95% in assessment fees but this year, the collection was only 85%.

"We will have to cover our fourth quarter expenses with our reserves.

"In one month MPSJ's expenses are RM25mil but in some months we only collect RM12mil or even RM7mil," she said referring to the last quarter of the year.

MPSJ's loss in income was also due to three months of no parking fee collection, rental income and also fewer compounds issued.

She also assured residents that assessment rates would not increase even though it would soon be elevated to a city council.

"Our budget is still the same and there will be no difference as a city council," she said, adding that assessment rates had not increased since 1997.

She said in the past there were more new developments and this contributed to more taxes but now as the township was more developed, there were fewer developments in the pipeline.



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# Aid underway for students left in the lurch

**KULAI:** Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) plans to provide RM100 in cash aid to its students affected by the Higher Education Ministry's decision to postpone physical registration due to the rise in Covid-19 cases.

Its vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Wahid Razzaly said the financial assistance would be given to students from the B40 category.

"At least 67% of our students are from this category. This will be our way of assisting those facing difficulties during the pandemic."

"Students who returned to the campus prior to the announcement on the postponement can reach out to the university for assistance," he said after attending the launch of Asia Aeronautical Training Academy's (AATA) training aircraft and the UTHM's Pinexri-20 drone at Senai International Airport here yesterday.

Higher Education Ministry deputy secretary-general Rosli Yaakub was also present during the launch.

On Friday, the Higher Education Ministry had recommended that all educational institutions postpone physical registrations of new students after a spike in Covid-19 cases.

UTHM, said Prof Wahid, had postponed its physical registration, which was supposed to have begun yesterday.

"So far, only one student has returned to the campus and we have reached out to her to assist in any



**Fresh wings:** Rosli checking out the AATA training aircraft during its launch. — NUR AISYAH MAZALAN/The Star

way that we can, including ensuring that she has a place (to stay)," he said. The student is from Sarawak.

He urged students who were stranded to reach out to the university for assistance, adding that they could be placed at residential colleges.

Those who had to cancel their trips here by express bus were also urged to contact the university.

Meanwhile, Bernama reported that Selangor will channel aid via

the Bantuan Prihatin Mahasiswa Darul Ehsan programme to the affected students.

Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said the government was gathering information from these students in order to provide assistance such as transportation back to their hometowns, food as well as face masks and hand sanitisers.

He said the assistance would focus on three categories of students — stu-

dents from Selangor studying in Selangor, students from other states studying in Selangor and Selangor students studying in other states.

"Students who need this assistance can refer to the 'TS Care Kit Distribution' form at <http://bit.ly/mdekatA>, Selangor Campus Students Food Assistance Form at <http://bit.ly/mdekatB>, and Selangor Natives Transportation Assistance form at <http://bit.ly/mdekatC>," he said in a statement yesterday.



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WHILE the market has embraced e-commerce, not all players in Selangor are prepared for buying and selling via the Internet, hence the state government is stepping in to encourage them to take their business online.

According to State Investment, Industry and Trade, Small and Medium Enterprise Committee chairman Datuk Teng Chang Khim, "e-commerce purchases went up by 400% during the movement control order (MCO) period, so it's clear more people are embracing online shopping.

"The Selangor e-Bazar Raya did better than expected, so the state government is planning to continue with a similar e-bazaar for the 11.11 Festival."

Teng said the Selangor e-Bazar Raya featured 2,000 existing merchants and 6,400 new merchants, and offered customers Shopee shopping vouchers worth RM11mil.

The two-month event generated RM11.7mil in sales revenue and RM341mil in ripple effect for the merchants.

The 11.11 Festival will feature more micro entrepreneurs and a wider range of products, with shoppers in Selangor expected to benefit from more discount vouchers.

"We want Selangor traders to be aware that they have the whole of Malaysia as their potential market," said Teng, citing as example a boutique owner who raked in RM50,000 monthly from the Selangor e-Bazar Raya, after previously making RM2,000 monthly from her physical store.

He said the Selangor Information Technology and E-Commerce Council (Sitec) offers training for those who want to digitise their

# PUSH FOR ONLINE BUSINESS

Selangor aims to get more local players into e-commerce



business, such as digital marketing, connecting to payment gateway and logistics partners, as well as managing accounting and stock systems.

Sitec also serves as an incubator and accelerator for microentrepreneurs and start-ups in Selangor.

"The state government is aiming to make Selangor a regional business hub and is benchmarking against Singapore," said Teng.

"Selangor has a lot of potential that could be tapped into. It has the third largest airport in the South-East Asian region (KL International Airport) and 12th largest sea port

in the world (Port Klang).

"Selangor is strategically located with a good logistics and transport network, and is rich in natural resources and land. It has a six-million population, many of whom are multilingual."

Teng highlighted that Selangor contributed 24.2% to the national gross domestic product (GDP) last year, making it the highest contributor among all states.

The state recorded RM47.8bil in approved investments last year, comprising RM17bil from the manufacturing sector and RM30.8bil from services and other sectors.

To build a strong foundation and benchmark, Teng said the state government had mapped out several action plans and set up several councils to formulate plans, strategies and policies for key industries.

"The Selangor Industrial Master Plan focuses on five core industries in the manufacturing sector – electrical and electronics; machinery and equipment; transport equipment (including aerospace); food and beverage; and life sciences.

"We hope to make Selangor the Asia-Pacific hub for the maintenance, repair and overhaul for the aerospace industry," said Teng.

pointing out that 60% to 70% of components for Airbus wings are produced in Selangor.

"Selangor Bio Bay serves as a centre of excellence for the biotechnology sector, ranging from research and development (R&D) to manufacturing. As Selangor doesn't have a strong base in biotechnology, the council will draw up a plan on targets to be achieved and industries to focus on, such as natural and human resources."

Teng said the team at Invest Selangor is as busy as pre-MCO times as they are constantly engaging and updating investors and governments on what is happening in Selangor.

"Its newly launched Selangor Business Hub (SBH) serves as a one-stop digital platform for all things investment-related in Selangor, including activities, promotions and networking.

"The virtual business platform is the first of its kind in Malaysia as it offers everything an investor or entrepreneur would need, such as business matching, contacts and government incentives," he said, adding that data collection would be more efficient and streamlined.

The upcoming Selangor International Business Summit 2020 will be held virtually via the SBH portal, including its four main events – Selangor International Expo; Selangor Asean Business Conference; Selangor Smart City and Digital Economy Convention; and, Selangor R&D and Innovation Expo.

For details, visit [www.selangorbusinesshub.my](http://www.selangorbusinesshub.my)



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FOUL SMELL

# ANOTHER POLLUTION EPISODE HITS WATER SUPPLY

273 areas affected as two water treatment plants shut over pollution in Sungai Semenyih

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**M**ORE than 300,000 water account holders in 273 locations in Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat and Sepang will experience water service disruption after pollution was detected in Sungai Semenyih yesterday.

Syarikat Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd said this would affect 309,605 water account holders.

This forced Air Selangor to halt the operations of water treatment plants in Sungai Semenyih and

Bukit Tampoi.

Air Selangor corporate communications head Elina Baseri said a report had been lodged with the Selangor Water Management Authority (LUAS) and that measures to identify the cause of the pollution in Sungai Semenyih and nearby tributaries were ongoing.

"Air Selangor has also activated its Emergency Response Plan to facilitate assistance to users affected by the incident."

"At the moment, we are unable to identify the period for the resumption of the operation of the affected water treatment plants and the restoration of water supply."

"Air Selangor will provide updates on the incident from time to time on all platforms, especially the media," she said.

Affected users were advised to check the Air Selangor application and social media accounts for updates, she said.

LUAS, via its official Twitter account, confirmed that it had received reports of a foul smell sim-

ilar to that of a carcass in Sungai Semenyih and Sungai Langat at 4.30pm yesterday.

"LUAS and other parties involved are probing the matter and taking the necessary mitigation measures," it said.

The unscheduled water disruption left consumers fuming, with many venting their frustration on social media.

The Association of Water and Energy Research Malaysia (Awer) said it was time for the authorities to put their foot down on factories illegally operating along waterways.

Awer president S. Piarapakaran said state and federal governments must immediately scruti-

nise factories and buildings near rivers to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the rivers and to prevent repeated water pollution.

He said authorities needed to know what premises were operating near catchment areas and prevent factories from being built near rivers used for drinking or agricultural activities.

"The authorities have said that some illegal factories have been given time.

"Why have they been given decades to move?"

"Local authorities must take stern action against them."

"The state government and local authorities must map and identify businesses and factories,

especially manufacturing facilities operating upstream, along the midstream and downstream, and determine if they have been releasing wastewater into rivers."

He said polluters would look at three perimeters before dumping their waste — they do it during the early hours, at isolated locations and during the intermonsoon season, when they believe pollutants would be flushed down the river.

"There is no point in scolding Air Selangor. The raw water is polluted by some irresponsible party and that's infecting our water sources. It's the authorities that they need to go after. The Selangor government definitely has a bigger role to play."

He called on the Environment and Water Ministry and Health Ministry to play their part in ensuring the drinking quality of clean raw water.



S. Piarapakaran

A section of Sungai Semenyih. There are reports of a foul smell similar to that of a carcass in Sungai Semenyih and Sungai Langat. FILE PIC



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**P**ETALING JAYA: Despite the spanner of the Covid-19 pandemic which has been thrown into the works, the Selangor state government still sees a good long-term value proposition in the aerospace industry.

Hence, its state agency Invest Selangor has set up a new division, the Selangor Darul Ehsan Aerospace Industrial Coordination Office (S-Daico) to continue its efforts to develop the sector, according to Selangor state exco for Investment, Industry and Trade, and Small and Medium Industries Datuk Teng Chang Khim.

For him, the state's efforts to nurture the aerospace industry is the obvious choice, as it has developed a complete ecosystem within the sector over the years. Selangor has been a maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) centre for many years since Malaysia Airlines established a world class team there.

"A total of 200 aerospace and aviation related companies contributing 64% of all aerospace activities in Malaysia, have now set up their operations in Selangor. Most of the companies are based around the airports – Subang Airport and KLIA, which are targeted to MRO and aircraft manufacturing," Teng told *SunBiz*.

In terms of manufacturing, 60% of Airbus' iconic A320 wings are manufactured here along with Rolls Royce's Trent 1000 fan case.

To spur growth in the Selangor's aerospace industry, S-Daico aims to be a "one stop centre" taking on the responsibility for coordination, execution, management and monitoring of the sector's growth, development and promotion.

Among its many functions, the sector specific division that was established in May this year under Invest Selangor, works in tandem with the state and federal governments, its agencies as well as state government-linked companies to strategise and execute projects in aerospace.

It is also responsible for promoting the industry to both domestic and foreign investors in the general aerospace and aviation sector, and across the sub-clusters including electrical and electronics (E&E), manufacturing, research & development technology and innovation.

In turn, S-Daico also acts as an aggregator to facilitate the involvement of SMEs into the aerospace global supply chain.

On the whole, Teng pointed out S-Daico functions as the secretariat to the Selangor Aerospace Council (chaired by Selangor's mentri besar) as well as to coordinate, strategise and implement the Selangor Aerospace Action Plan 2020-2030.

To spur growth in the sector, he identified continuous promotion and strategic partnerships as key components, especially for the division to identify and pursue the right investors in relation to international chambers and local aerospace SMEs.

"During this pandemic, S-Daico has been strategically promoting Selangor as Malaysia's preferred aerospace hub in various countries such as the UK, Singapore, US, the EU, especially in France and Germany," he said.

Teng pointed out that the pandemic has hit aerospace manufacturers such as Boeing and Airbus hard, and as a result, they are forced to find alternatives and more competitive manufacturers and suppliers.

He listed affordable labour cost, mature infrastructure, skilled workforce and a favourable currency over the pound, US dollar and Euro as the main advantages of Malaysia



Teng sharing S-Daico's aerospace efforts with Sunbiz at his office. — NORMAN HIU/THE SUN

## S-Daico sees long term value in aerospace industry

Selangor state govt unfazed by pandemic, says Invest Selangor will continue developing the sector by building a dedicated industrial park catering to the MRO or manufacturing subsector

becoming an aerospace hub.

Prior to the pandemic, the state exco member pointed out that Invest Selangor has travelled extensively worldwide to get in touch with the industry to promote Selangor as an investment destination.

"We've been to the world's top air shows in London and Paris for the past four years, getting in touch with the players in the industry which has brought positive results," he said.

The unit's promotional efforts has enticed the French multinational, Dassault to shift its aerospace operations from Singapore to Subang.

Indirectly, such efforts also had a hand in Rolls Royce's decision to start a fan case plant with UMW Aerospace as well as Airbus Helicopter's decision to move to Subang from Singapore.

"Furthermore, Airbus has also expressed interest for an even greater cooperation in their future expansion. These achievements are a testament to the importance of Selangor in the eyes of the industry players," said Teng.

For its next step, S-Daico is looking at developing a dedicated industrial park for the aerospace sector, working hand-in-hand with local developers and the related authorities.

He shared that it targets to provide the best facility for the industry, be it in the MRO or manufacturing subsector, and it is looking at the aerospace 35 belt (Subang Serendah-Sepang) for the industrial park.

We are working with various industry players to provide better

infrastructure for future development of the sector, including possible incentives and policies."

Although the ongoing pandemic has hindered some of its efforts, Teng said that the state's aerospace division next milestone is to sign MoU with all the relevant industry stakeholders for the development of the industrial park by the end of this year.

On the whole, he outlined that the

while international RPKs will only bounce back in 2024.

In the short term, Teng conceded that growth in the aerospace sector will be slower than before.

"As the state government, we do not share the same position as the airlines but we are in the role of coordinators, who are looking at the long term horizon, seeking to build up our infrastructure and furthering our ecosystem," said Teng.

"These are the things that we are looking at."

In an aviation trend report, PWC reported that most OEMs and suppliers within the aerospace industry have primarily opted to promptly initiate cost cutting measures and shut down manufacturing plants to address the short term impact of Covid-19.

It highlighted that in 2019, Airbus set a new industry record for delivering 863 jets for the year. In contrast, this year it delivered 136 in the first four months of 2020, half the pace recorded for the previous year.

"Yet viewed in the right context, the state of the aerospace industry could represent an opportunity for commercial OEMs and suppliers to make needed changes," said the PWC report titled "Aerospace trends 2020: How commercial aerospace can recover from Covid-19".

The report argued that the next six to 12 months is a critical period for the aerospace industry to prepare for the recovery.

"Rather than simply focusing on

cuts, we believe that OEMs and large suppliers should also make needed investments in the future, in five key areas: using technology as an accelerator, stabilising the supply chain, streamlining the workforce, focusing on sustainability and making a coordinated pitch for government support."

The PWC reported that tier 1 suppliers in the aerospace sector such as General Electric, Rolls-Royce, Safran and MTU have cut their capacity by up to 30% but they are likely to survive due to being a part of a larger diversified organisation.

However, it pointed out that the issue lies with smaller aerospace-exclusive suppliers, particularly those that support a single OEM, as they are particularly vulnerable with the ongoing pandemic.

"For OEMs, the challenge in the short term is to support these suppliers to the extent possible, in part by working with governments and industry associations," said PWC.

While the future of the industry looks remains opaque, the Selangor state's efforts in laying down broad diversified roots spanning the entire aerospace ecosystem, appears to be well equipped to ride out the pandemic-fuelled storm.

Although Teng opted to keep mum on future investments into the sector, he said that it will come once the borders are opened and planes take to the skies once again.

"Demand for the sector would return. It is a matter of time."

The need to travel will return once international borders are open.  
 - Teng Chang Khim

state government is still optimistic on the post-pandemic future, as the need to travel will return once international borders are open.

So far the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has projected that the global airline revenue will be halved to US\$41 billion (RM1.7 trillion) while the overall industry is expected to post losses of more than US\$84 billion.

In terms of recovery, the association has predicted that the domestic revenue passenger kilometers (RPKs) would not return to pre-pandemic 2019 levels until 2022



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## Selangor govt to help out affected IPT students

THE Selangor government will channel aid via the "Bantuan Prihatin Mahasiswa Darul Ehsan" programme to students affected by the recent postponement of registration at institutions of higher learning (IPTs) following the sharp increase in Covid-19 cases.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said as of now, the government was gathering information from the affected students in order to provide assistance such as transport back to their hometown and food, as well as face masks and hand sanitisers.

The assistance will focus on

three categories of IPT students, namely, students from Selangor studying in Selangor, students from other states studying in Selangor and Selangor students studying in other states.

"Students who need this assistance can refer to the 'TS Care Kit Distribution' form at: <http://bit.ly/mdekatA>, Selangor Campus Students Food Assistance form at: <http://bit.ly/mdekatB>, and Selangor Natives Transportation Assistance form at: <http://bit.ly/mdekatC>," he said in a statement yesterday.

According to Amirudin, the aid will be channelled by the state

government through cooperation with the Peninsular Malay Students Coalition, Mahasiswa KEADILAN and the PKR youth wing's student bureau.

"The state government hopes that this initiative can help alleviate the burden faced by the students affected at this point in time," he said.

Last Friday, the Ministry of Higher Education proposed for all IPTs to postpone on-campus registration for new and returning students scheduled to begin this month, after its minister proposed a similar postponement involving students from areas classified as red

zones for the Covid-19 infection.

Meanwhile, Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) has decided to give cash assistance of RM100 to students who have been stranded following the government's decision to postpone the registration of students this month.

Its vice chancellor Emeritus Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Azraai Cassim said the aid would be given to students who had turned up at the campus but had to go back home as well as those who had registered and chosen to remain in campus.

"Apart from this, the university's top management has agreed to

waive the college fees for October 2020 for all students staying at residential colleges of UiTM Shah Alam and branch campuses.

"A total of 3,252 students had turned up in person to register between Oct 1 and 3. However, only 940 students chose to stay on at UiTM residential colleges throughout the country, while the rest decided to return to their respective homes," he said.

Mohd Azraai said students who decided to remain at residential colleges would continue to be monitored and helped according to their respective needs. — Bernama