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120 mangsa bencana Sungai Kim Kim mahu saman Kerajaan Negeri Johor

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KAMARUDIN: Kita akan saman tuntutan ganti rugi (daripada pihak) yang kita sudah kenal pasti bertanggungjawab.

JOHOR BAHRU: Seramai 120 mangsa pembuangan bahan sisa kimia di Sungai Kim Kim, Pasir Gudang membuat laporan polis bagi menuntut ganti rugi pencemaran yang berlaku 7 Mac lalu.



Laporan dibuat di balai polis Ibu Pejabat Daerah (IPD) Seri Alam kira-kira pukul 4 petang hari ini (Sabtu).

Kesemua mereka diwakili peguam Kamarudin Ahmad.

Kamarudin berkata, kesemua tuntutan saman ganti rugi akan dilakukan Jun depan setelah semua maklumat termasuk laporan kesihatan yang lengkap diperolehi.

“Kita akan saman tuntutan ganti rugi (daripada pihak) yang kita sudah kenal pasti bertanggungjawab, ada unsur kecuaihan. Kita bermula dengan Kerajaan Negeri Johor selepas itu Jabatan Alam Sekitar, Jabatan Parit dan Saliran dan Majlis Perbandaran Pasir Gudang, dan kita sedang kenal pasti kilang-kilang yang terlibat,” ujar Kamarudin.

Beliau berkata, asas tuntutan ganti rugi ekoran kecuaihan pihak berkuasa dan kilang terlibat kerana menjadi punca pencemaran hingga menjejaskan kesihatan dan nyawa mangsa terlibat.

Tuntutan juga dibuat kerana salah seorang anak guamnya mengalami masalah urat saraf hingga tidak boleh berjalan.

Difahamkan, tuntutan pada petang Sabtu juga disebabkan rasa bimbang anak guam mereka pada jangka masa panjang.

Pada 7 Mac lalu, Pasir Gudang gempar apabila lebih 5,000 mangsa terdedah kepada persekitaran yang menjejaskan kesihatan gara-gara pembuangan sisa kimia berbahaya di Sungai Kim Kim.

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Pencemaran Sungai Kim Kim tidak jejas keyakinan pelancong ke Johor

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Johor Bahru menjadi pintu masuk penting ke negeri Johor terutamanya bagi pelancong Singapura. - Wikimedia

JOHOR BAHRU: Pencemaran sisa toksik di Sungai Kim Kim pada bulan lepas di Pasir Gudang, dekat sini, tidak menjejaskan keyakinan pelancong untuk ke Johor.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pembangunan Wanita dan Pelancongan negeri Liow Cai Tung berkata setakat ini, pihaknya tidak mendapat sebarang aduan mengenai kebimbangan pelancong untuk datang ke Johor disebabkan pencemaran di sungai berkenaan.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika mengulas sama ada pencemaran alam sekitar itu ada mendatangkan kebimbangan pelancong sekali gus menjejaskan bilangan mereka untuk melawat negeri itu terutamanya menjelang Tahun Melawat Johor 2020.

"Kita menasak seramai 16.6 juta pengunjung akan datang ke Johor sepanjang tahun ini, yang mana lapan juta daripadanya menetap di Johor sekurang-kurangnya satu malam," kata beliau kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Pameran Persatuan Ejen-Ejen Pelancongan dan Pengembaraan Malaysia (MATTA Fair) Johor 2019 di Tampoi, di sini pada Jumaat.

Pada tahun lepas, seramai 15.84 juta pengunjung melawat Johor berbanding 14.44 juta pelancong pada tahun 2017.

Memandangkan tahun hadapan juga merupakan penganjuran Sukan Malaysia di negeri ini, pihaknya juga yakin bilangan pengunjung ke Johor akan meningkat lagi, kata Liow.

Pembersihan sisa toksik sepanjang 1.5 km yang dikenal pasti di Sungai Kim Kim telah berjaya diselesaikan pada 17 Mac lepas.

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Malaysian PM adds to woes for Aussie miner Lynas



By [Colin Kruger](#)

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Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has imposed more stringent conditions on the local operations of Australian rare earths miner Lynas Corp.

On Friday evening, he told the local media that companies interested in acquiring Lynas have agreed to extract radioactive waste before importing it to the Lynas processing plant in Malaysia and he indicated this additional measure would be required if Lynas wants its licence renewed in September.



Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

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Lynas is facing an existential crisis there after the Malaysian government signalled in December tough new operating conditions would be attached to its licence, including that it must remove radioactive residues produced at its processing plant.

Mr Mahathir did not mention the names of the companies interested in acquiring Lynas but Wesfarmers had a \$1.5 billion bid for the company rejected last month.

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In a press briefing on Malaysian TV after a cabinet meeting on Friday, Mr Mahathir said: “We have opened up the business to other people, and there are other companies willing to acquire Lynas.”

“They have given us a promise that in the future before sending the raw materials to Malaysia they will clean it up first. They will crack it and decontaminated it in some way with regard to radioactivity.”

He added that the company, or even Lynas, would be able to operate in Malaysia if they promise that raw materials coming to Malaysia are cleaned.

"Lynas is seeking clarification from the government regarding the Prime Minister’s press conference and will provide an update when further information is available," Lynas said after the press conference.

Wesfarmers has yet to respond to inquiries.

Wesfarmers' initial talks with Lynas last year focused on a joint venture which would build an additional processing plant alongside Wesfarmers chemical operations in Kwinana, Western Australia.

In December, Malaysia’s Energy and Environment ministry required Lynas, the only rare earths producer outside of China, to remove the accumulating radioactive wastes to qualify for a renewal.

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<https://www.smh.com.au/business/companies/malaysian-pm-adds-to-woes-for-aussie-miner-lynas-20190406-p51bgk.html>



More frequent checks on palm oil factories situated along Johor rivers — State Exco

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JOHOR BAHRU (April 5): The Johor State Government is looking to enhance periodic checks on all palm oil mills operating along the rivers in the State to ensure that the waste disposal methods of these mills meet the set standards.

Johor Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee chairman Dr Sahrudin Jamal said the directive was given following the ammonia contamination in Sungai Sayong

on Wednesday which resulted in several Water Treatment Plants (LRAs) to be closed.

"This case happened because there was a leak, but as a consequence, many people were deprived of water supply.

"Therefore, to ensure that incidents like this do recur, I have instructed the local authorities, Department of Environment (DOE) and the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) to conduct periodic checks more often," he told reporters after opening the Sungai Chat Upstream Research Expedition here, today.

He said based on records, there were more than 60 oil palm factories operating by the river throughout Johor.

On Wednesday, about 17,000 account holders under the Ranhill SAJ water company in Kulai faced water supply disruption due to ammonia contamination at Sungai Sayong.

Johor International Trade, Investment and Utility Committee chairman Jimmy Puah Wee Tse said the pollution occurred as a reservoir at a bio-composite centre next to an oil palm mill in Sedenak had burst, causing water containing ammonia to flow into Sungai Sayong.

<https://www.theedgemarkets.com/article/more-frequent-checks-palm-oil-factories-situated-along-johor-rivers-%E2%80%94-state-exco>



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JMG, SPAN to identify causes of pollution in Sungai Rui, Gerik

07 APR 2019 / 20:00 H.



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LENGGONG: The Mineral and Geoscience Department (JMG) and the National Water Services Commission (SPAN) will conduct a detailed study to identify the sources of pollution in Sungai Rui, Gerik.

Water, Land and Natural Resources Minister Dr Xavier Jayakumar said the JMG had set up a task force to identify solutions to the water pollution in the river by regularly sampling water at several predetermined locations.

He said the JMG would provide location and mapping data on mining, logging, agriculture, industrial activities as well as Perak Water Board water treatment plants (LRA) and JMG's water wells in Hulu Perak.

“The results will be known at least a week after the completion of the study and we do not want to point fingers at any party without identifying in detail the causes of the pollution,” he said.

Xavier was speaking to reporters after visiting a Eucalyptus farm with Peninsular Malaysia Forestry director-general Datuk Akharrudin Mahmud and several foreign envoys in Bukit Sapi here, today.

Commenting further, Xavier said the river is a raw water source for the Air Ganda LRA, which supplies water to 1,000 villagers with a capacity of 0.68 million litres per day.

He said in general, Klian Intan, Hulu Perak had been identified an area rich in minerals such as tin and sulphide minerals such as “arsenopyrite” and “pyrite”, and any mining or land clearing activities could lead to a natural acidic reaction, which in turn releases heavy metals such as arsenic, iron, lead, zinc and nickel into the water.

Last Thursday, Perak Education, Technology, Science and Environmental committee chairman Dr Abdul Aziz Bari said based on recent tests by the JMG, the pollution of the river was believed to be due to high arsenic content. – *Bernama*

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/jmg-span-to-identify-causes-of-pollution-in-sungai-rui-gerik-YC765302>



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120 lodge police reports over Sg Kim Kim chemical dumping

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Filepix of clean up efforts in Sungai Kim Kim after toxic waste were dumped in the river, on March 14, 2019. — Bernama

JOHOR BARU: A total of 120 individuals yesterday lodged police reports over the chemical waste dumping incident at Sungai Kim Kim near Pasir Gudang last month.

The reports were lodged by residents of Taman Pasir Putih, Pasir Gudang Baru, Cahaya Baru and Taman Scientex from 3pm at the Seri Alam district police headquarters (IPD), here.

Lawyer representing the group, Kamarudin Ahmad, said the victims would claim for compensation for pain and suffering due to the negligence of the authorities and factory owner in June.

He said the claims would be submitted after he has received the necessary information including the victims' health reports.

“The claims for compensation are to offset costs for medical procedures, travel expenses and health checks that the victims have incurred and would have to bear.

According to Kamarudin the claims would also take into account that the trauma of the toxic waste pollution on March 7 could have long term effects on the healing and recovery process.

“Some of the victims are still experiencing shortness of breath, chest pains, nausea, vomiting and fainting spells.

“I also met a victim who is having nerve problems which has affected his ability to walk. We are worried of the long-term effects,” he said. — *Bernama*

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/120-lodge-police-reports-over-sg-kim-kim-chemical-dumping-YA763809>



Pencemaran aktiviti perlombongan di Kelantan pada tahap minimum

Asma Hanim Mahmood
07 April 2019 3:32 PM

KOTA BHARU 7 April - Jabatan Alam Sekitar (JAS) negeri mendapati tahap pencemaran aktiviti perlombongan mineral termasuk emas di negeri ini masih lagi terkawal.



HAMZAH MOHAMAD

Pengarah JAS negeri, Hamzah Mohamad berkata, terdapat lebih empat lombong yang aktif di daerah seperti Tanah Merah serta Gua Musang dan pihaknya mendapati pencemaran yang berlaku adalah pada tahap minimum.

"Terdapat dua lombong yang aktif di Tanah Merah dan sedikit di Gua Musang, setakat hari ini tidak ada bahan cemar yang dilepaskan dari tapak perlombongan ke luar kawasan.

"Tugas kita adalah memantau, kita ada pasukan yang diketuai Penolong Pegawai Kawalan Tertinggi merancang, memantau, memberi khidmat nasihat jika berlaku ketidakpatuhan sebelum ia jadi lebih besar.

"Kita tidak boleh kata kita tidak boleh usik langsung apabila kita melombong, yang penting kita kawal pastikan syarat-syarat melombong dipatuhi," katanya selepas membentangkan kertas kerja di Seminar Hala Tuju Industri Mineral negeri Kelantan di Dewan Teratai, Kompleks Kota Darulnaim di sini hari ini.

Program itu telah dirasmikan oleh Menteri Besar, Datuk Ahmad Yakob.

Seramai 150 peserta menghadiri seminar anjuran Pejabat Tanah dan Galian (PTG) negeri dengan kerjasama Perbadanan Menteri Besar Kelantan (PMBK); Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP); Jabatan Mineral dan Geosains (JMG) negeri dan JAS negeri.

Sementara itu, Hamzah berkata, pihaknya mengakui sebenarnya tidak mempunyai kakitangan yang cukup namun ia bukan alasan tidak melakukan kerja sebaiknya.

Beliau berkata, terdapat 42 pegawai teknikal JAS yang menjalankan pemantauan di seluruh negeri ini.

"Kita ada dua pasukan khusus untuk memproses Penilaian Kesan Alam Sekitar (EIA) di Gua Musang dan satu pasukan di Kota Bharu.



"Tenaga kita memang tidak ramai tetapi itu bukan alasan tidak menjalankan tanggungjawab sepenuhnya," katanya.

Terdahulu, dalam ucapan aluannya di seminar itu, Pengarah PTG negeri, Datuk Zamri Ismail berkata, terdapat sejumlah lombong mineral yang beroperasi di negeri ini iaitu lima lombong emas; dua lombong bijih besi; dua lombong fosfat dan sembilan lombong mangan. - UTUSAN ONLINE

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PM's Lynas decision gives govt the upper hand



The Lynas processing plant in Gebeng, Kuantan.

By **Dr B. Harin** - April 7, 2019 @ 11:23pm

PRIME Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has allowed Lynas to operate, with the condition that the firm removes its radioactive waste from the country.

He said Lynas must reduce the radioactivity of raw materials before bringing them to Malaysia.

This has granted the government the upper hand in dealing with the situation.

However, the government's decision has also drawn criticism from Netizens and environmentalists.

The struggles of Energy, Green Technology, Science, Climate Change and Environment Minister Yeo Bin Yin and Bentong member of parliament Wong Tack to disallow Lynas from operating have been in vain.

The Lynas issue has been a tug of war between Lynas stakeholders and the government.

Regardless of the scientific proof and arguments by Lynas representatives, the radioactive waste's toxicity is a reason why the rare-earth processing plant was not built in Australia or other First World countries.

It is time for Lynas to comply with regulations set by the government and find a solution.

Lynas may have to shift its operations to another country if negotiations fail.

The livelihood of more than 600 local employees, along with RM1.2 billion worth of investment, is at stake due to the decisions made by the previous government.

If First World nations are adamant about not having Lynas operate in their country, it may not be suitable for Malaysia either.

The Sungai Kim Kim toxic pollution crisis serves as an example of the dangerous effect of improper waste disposal on people and the environment.

Dr B. Harin, Johor Baru, Johor

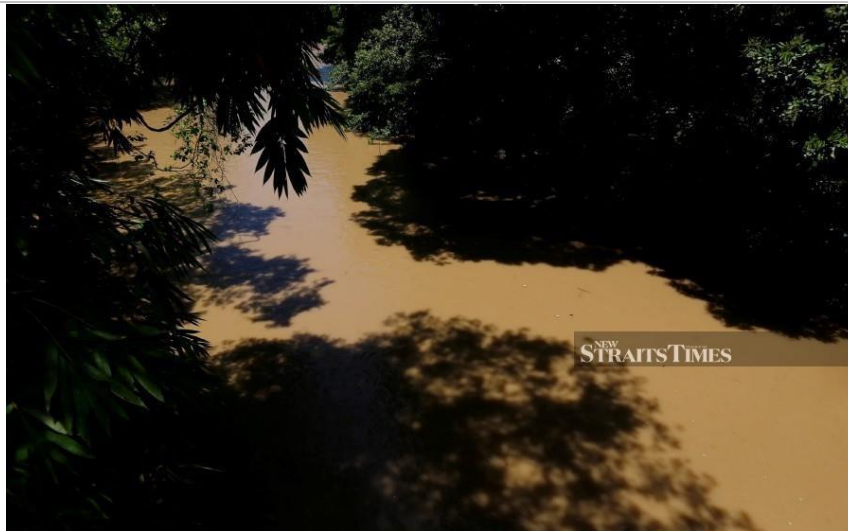
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Cause of pollution in Sungai Rui to be identified soon



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NSTP/ABDULLAH YUSOF

By **Bernama** - April 7, 2019 @ 6:45pm

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<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2019/04/477084/cause-pollution-sungai-rui-be-identified-soon>



Isu Lynas: Penganalisis saran pemimpin PH ubah mentaliti pembangkang

Mohamad Fadli

April 7, 2019 11:45 AM



Sebelum ini berlaku percanggahan pendapat dalam kalangan anggota Kabinet PH mengenai masa depan Lynas Malaysia. (Gambar fail)

PETALING JAYA: Pemimpin Pakatan Harapan perlu mengubah mentaliti pembangkang dan mengelakkan diri daripada mengkritik ahli Kabinet secara terbuka, terutama daripada parti sendiri.

Penganalisis politik dari Universiti Utara Malaysia, Kamarul Zaman Yusoff berkata, ia bagi memastikan integriti dan kredibiliti kerajaan terjaga.

“Akhir-akhir ini kita dapat melihat banyak insiden membabitkan menteri PH dikritik oleh ahli Parlimennya sendiri, termasuk yang terbaru Redzuan Md Yusof.

“Tidak manis bila ahli Parlimen PH seperti Wong Tack dari Bentong dan Fuziah Salleh dari Kuantan menegur Redzuan dengan menyebut beliau tidak mempunyai locus standi untuk bercakap mengenai isu Lynas,” katanya kepada FMT.

Beliau mengulas tindakan Fuziah mengkritik Redzuan selepas menteri pembangunan usahawan itu berkata Putrajaya belum membuat keputusan muktamad berhubung penghantaran balik sisa radioaktif Lynas ke Australia, walaupun Menteri Tenaga, Sains, Teknologi, Alam Sekitar dan Perubahan Iklim, Yeo Bee Yin dilaporkan mendakwa sebuah pasukan petugas ditubuhkan kerajaan untuk memudahkan proses itu.

Kamarul Zaman berkata, Redzuan sudah tentu lebih mengetahui daripada Fuziah kerana menteri itu dianggap lebih mengetahui keputusan yang dibuat Kabinet.

“Berbanding Fuziah yang hanya timbalan menteri, Redzuan adalah ahli jemaah menteri yang tahu apa yang diputuskan oleh Kabinet mengenai sesuatu isu, termasuk perkara yang tidak membabitkan kementerian beliau secara langsung.

“Bila Redzuan mendapati kenyataan menteri atau timbalan menteri lain tidak selari dengan keputusan Kabinet, maka sudah pastilah selaku ahli jemaah menteri, beliau bertanggungjawab membetulkan kekeliruan yang berlaku.



Tambahnya, apabila ahli Parlimen biasa seperti Wong Tack atau Fuziah yang meminta Redzuan menutup mulut, boleh mengurangkan penghormatan rakyat kepada mereka.

Kamarul Zaman berkata Fuziah lebih tidak mempunyai locus standi kerana hanya timbalan menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri yang sepatutnya bercakap soal agama sahaja.

Katanya, Wong Tack dan Fuziah tidak perlu terikut-ikut dengan sentimen semata-mata kerana mereka lantang memperjuangkan isu Lynas sewaktu bergelar pembangkang dahulu kerana selaku kerajaan kini, mereka ada saluran untuk bersuara.

“Redzuan sekadar menjelaskan apa yang berlaku dalam Kabinet sahaja yang masih belum membuat apa-apa keputusan mengenai soal penutupan Lynas.

Beliau berkata, Perdana Menteri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sendiri mendedahkan Kabinet belum membincangkan kaedah pelupusan sisa radioaktif Lynas maka terbukti apa yang dikatakan oleh adalah Redzuan betul.

Semua menteri, katanya, mempunyai tanggungjawab bersama untuk menjelas dan mempertahankan keputusan Kabinet tanpa perlu timbul soal locus standi untuk bercakap, apatah lagi bila isu yang diperkatakan membabitkan pembangunan negara.

“Sebaliknya, mereka yang berada di luar Kabinet sepatutnya merujuk kepada ahli Kabinet sebelum membuat apa-apa pernyataan umum bagi memastikan pernyataan itu tidak bercanggah atau mendahului keputusan Kabinet,” katanya.

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/bahasa/2019/04/07/isu-lynas-penganalisis-saran-pemimpin-ph-ubah-mentaliti-pembangkang/>



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Group to initiate civil suit against Johor govt over Sungai Kim Kim incident

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By Ben Tan



Picture shows a section of the Sungai Kim Kim river in Pasir Gudang that is undergoing a clean-up. Oil booms had been fitted to stop the oily substance from floating further down river. — Picture courtesy of the Johor Fire and Rescue Department

JOHOR BARU, April 6 — An action committee, formed to look into the compensation

issues of the Sungai Kim Kim victims, is considering to initiate a civil suit against the Johor government, including the Johor menteri besar.

The committee, called the Sungai Kim Kim Victim's Compensation Action Committee, will also name Department of Environment (DOE), Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID), Pasir Gudang Municipal Council (MPPG) and also the factory involved.

The group's lawyer Kamarudin Ahmad said the committee will look into initiating the civil suit against the parties concerned, including Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Osman Sapian.

“We plan to file the civil suit by early June after we get more details and the medical reports of the victims of the Sungai Kim Kim toxic fume incident,” he said.

Earlier, Kamarudin had led more than 70 families affected by the Sungai Kim Kim toxic fume incident to lodge police reports at the Seri Alam district police headquarters at 3.30pm.

Kamarudin said the reports were for the victims to claim damages that had affected them from the alleged negligence of the state government and the parties that were involved.



He said the committee also gathered the victims to give them a briefing on what their rights are and their next course of action.

“We expect more victims will come up to lodge reports on the matter.

“There are still victims out there who are unsure and do not know where or who they should bring their problems,” said Kamarudin.

Meanwhile, Seri Alam police chief Superintendent Ismail Dollah confirmed receiving the police reports.

Last month it was reported that more than 4,000 people were affected and 111 schools were closed following the chemical waste incident at Sungai Kim Kim on March 7.

Two directors of a used tyre processing company had been charged over the disposal of scheduled wastes and air pollution in Sungai Kim Kim.

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2019/04/06/group-to-initiate-civil-suit-against-johor-govt-over-sungai-kim-kim-incident/1740520>



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Bekalan air kepada lebih 1 juta pengguna di Johor hampir pulih

Oleh Mohd Fahmi Mohd Yusof

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JOHOR BAHRU: Bekalan air kepada lebih satu juta pengguna di sebahagian Johor Bahru, Kulai dan Kota Tinggi yang terbabit dengan kesan pencemaran ammonia bermula di Sungai Sayong sejak Rabu lalu, sudah hampir pulih sepenuhnya hari ini.

Ranhill SAJ Sdn Bhd (Ranhill SAJ) dalam satu kenyataan hari ini, berkata sehingga jam 10 pagi tadi, pengguna di kawasan terbabit mula mendapat bekalan air terawat secara berperingkat kecuali beberapa kawasan tinggi dan di hujung sistem agihan.

Menurut kenyataan itu, kawasan tinggi dan hujung sistem agihan itu membabitkan 5,067 akaun di sebahagian Johor Bahru meliputi sebahagian Taman Pelangi Indah, Desa Tebrau, Kempas Lurah, Kempas Denai, Kempas Permatang, Kempas Banjaran dan Taman Kempas.

“Manakala bagi sistem Loji Rawatan Air (LRA) Tai Hong pula membabitkan sebahagian FELDA Ulu Tebrau, Taman Bukit Tiram, Taman Bukit Jaya dan Taman Puteri Wangsa, yang mana kawasan ini dijangka menerima bekalan air sepenuhnya menjelang tengah malam ini.

“Bagaimanapun, sekiranya masih ada kawasan yang tidak menerima bekalan air, pengguna hendaklah menghubungi Ranhill SAJ di talian 1800887474 atau di e-mel: customer.care@ranhill.com.my untuk mendapatkan bantuan tangki air,” katanya.

Pencemaran ammonia berkenaan turut menyebabkan Sungai Johor menerima kesan apabila aliran air mengandungi ammonia dikesan mengalir masuk ke sungai berkenaan sejak awal pagi, Khamis lalu.



“Keadaan ini menyebabkan LRA Semangar dan LRA Sungai Johor milik Ranhill SAJ serta LRA Tai Hong (PUB) terpaksa henti operasi sebaik kehadiran ammonia terbabit dikesan berhampiran muka sauk,” tambah kenyataan itu.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Ranhill SAJ, Datuk Ahmad Faizal Abdul Rahman, berkata keputusan menghentikan operasi loji berkenaan perlu diambil bagi memastikan air bersih tidak dicemari ammonia.

“Pihak kami tidak akan merawat air mentah yang sudah pasti boleh mendatangkan risiko kesihatan kepada pengguna bekalan air, jadi keputusan menghentikan operasi loji berkenaan dilakukan bagi memastikan air bersih yang dirawat tidak dicemari ammonia.”

“Kes pencemaran ammonia di Sungai Johor perlu dipantau sewajarnya dan tindakan tegas perlu diambil kepada pelaku bagi memastikan ia tidak berulang.

“Langkah ini penting supaya pihak kami tidak menghadapi gangguan bekalan air tidak dirancang seperti ini yang bukan saja boleh menyebabkan loji henti operasi merawat air, malah mendatangkan kesulitan kepada jutaan pengguna untuk beberapa hari,” katanya.

Katanya, Ranhill SAJ turut menggerakkan 30 lori tangki bagi memberi bantuan air mengikut keutamaan mulai hari kejadian selain memaklumkan kepada pengguna perkembangan operasi loji dari masa ke masa.

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/wilayah/2019/04/549939/bekalan-air-kepada-lebih-1-juta-pengguna-di-johor-hampir-pulih>



120 mangsa pencemaran kimia fail saman

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Kamarudin (tengah) bersama keluarga yang menjadi mangsa pencemaran sisa toksik Sungai Kim Kim menunjukkan laporan polis yang dibuat di IPD Seri Alam, Pasir Gudang. - NSTP/Hairul Anuar Rahim

PASIR GUDANG: Seramai 120 penduduk yang mendakwa kehidupan mereka terjejas akibat pencemaran kimia di kawasan ini bulan lalu, melantik peguam untuk menuntut ganti rugi daripada kerajaan serta pemilik kilang yang bertanggungjawab terhadap bencana itu.

Peguam Kamarudin Ahmad yang mewakili semua penduduk terbabit, berkata pihaknya sudah mengadakan pertemuan dengan kumpulan terbabit dan masih dalam proses mengumpul maklumat lanjut berkaitan kes berkenaan.

“Penduduk yang diwakili memberitahu terjejas kerana mengalami simptom termasuk muntah, sesak nafas dan pengsan dipercayai akibat terhidu gas kimia dalam kejadian berkenaan. Mereka bimbang kesan jangka panjang akibat pencemaran itu.

“Mereka sudah diberi penerangan mengenai hak masing-masing dan asas tuntutan adalah kecuaihan pihak berkuasa serta kilang yang terbabit. Kita jangka akan memfailkan tuntutan di mahkamah awal Jun depan.

“Antara yang akan dinamakan sebagai defendan adalah kerajaan negeri, Jabatan Alam Sekitar, Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran dan Majlis Perbandaran Pasir Gudang. Kita juga sedang mengenal pasti pemilik kilang terbabit untuk dinamakan sebagai defendan,” katanya kepada media di sini, hari ini.

Terdahulu, beliau mengiringi sekumpulan penduduk membuat laporan polis berkaitan kejadian itu di Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah (IPD) Seri Alam, di sini, hari ini.

Mengulas lanjut, Kamarudin berkata, tuntutan ganti rugi antara lain membabitkan kos perubatan yang ditanggung mangsa.

Beliau berkata, lebih ramai mangsa dijangka akan memfailkan saman yang sama tidak lama lagi.

Secara keseluruhan, seramai 5,848 kanak-kanak dan orang dewasa dirawat sejak 7 Mac lalu akibat pencemaran sisa beracun di Sungai Kim Kim, Pasir Gudang.

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