

PBAPP: Teluk Bahang dam can only last 52 days

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GEORGE TOWN: The Teluk Bahang dam, which recorded a 17.2 per cent of effective capacity, can only last 52 more days.

Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) in a statement today said the dam water reserve was sufficient to support 'normal' water supply to 38,000 registered water consumers in Teluk Bahang, Batu Ferringhi and areas near Tanjung Bungah during the same period.

Its chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said measures have been taken to prolong the supply of water to these areas including minimising raw water drawdown from there.

He said PBAPP has to sustain continuous water supply in the northern tourist belt areas of the island and it still needed to draw down water daily to ensure round-the-clock water supply.

"We may not stop drawdowns completely or shut down the dam, although its effective capacity is very low," he said.

Low rainfall has been cited as the reason behind the status of the Teluk Bahang dam, hence he said only more rainfall could replenish its raw water reserve.

Eight cloud seeding operations to induce rainfall in the water catchment areas of the dam have been commissioned and the first series should take place late this month.

"The primary objective of cloud seeding operations is to replenish raw water reserves immediately.

"The secondary objective is to achieve 'healthy' or 'safe' status of the dam's effective capacity by December 2020 in preparation for the annual dry season anticipated in January next year." he said.