

Penang responds to Kedah's call for help in emergency water works



Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa (File pic)

GEORGE TOWN, March 28 -- Penang deployed a squadron of water engineers to Kedah to undertake emergency pipeline works in several areas.

In a statement today, Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) chief executive officer, Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said 26 personnel from the 60th Royal Army Engineers Regiment (RAJD) from Penang were dispatched to Kedah together with a 5,000-litre water tanker, two cans and a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

He said the deployment was in response to a call for help from Syarikat Air Darul Aman Sdn Bhd (SADA), Kedah's water supply operator, to the Malaysian Army.

"SADA had requested for the activation of the 60th RAJD to undertake emergency pipe-laying works and distribution of water supply.

"The Penang squadron would undertake the works in Kedah alongside with other RAJD squadrons from Kedah, Pahang and Selangor between March 21 and April 4," he added.

According to him, the emergency operation included pipe-laying works in Kampung Tanah 100, Kampung Risda, Kampung Bukit Chengal and Kampung Bendang Bukit, as well as pipe replacement work in Kampung Anak Ikan.

"This operation also includes the deployment of water tankers to distribute treated water to some 30,000 affected consumers in Gurun, Merbok, Tanjung Dawai, Semeling and Sungai Lalang," he said.