

## Penang deploys 'goodwill' mission to assist Kedah's urgent water works

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Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa. - NSTP file pic

GEORGE TOWN: Amid an ongoing "water dispute", Penang has sent a "goodwill mission" to Kedah to undertake emergency water works projects there.

Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said a squadron of 26 personnel of the 60th RAJD (Royal Army Engineers Regiment Volunteers) from Penang were working on urgent water works projects in Kedah.

Of the 26 Penang RAJD personnel, 24 are from PBAPP while two others are from the northern region office of the National Water Services Commission (SPAN).

He said PBAPP had also despatched a 5,000-litre water tanker, two vans and a 4WD vehicle to Kedah.

"This deployment is in response to a call for help from Syarikat Air Darul Aman Sdn Bhd (SADA), Kedah's water supply operator, to the Malaysian Army (Markas Tentera Darat, or MTD).

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

"This is a 'goodwill' mission in which PBAPP has agreed to deploy its personnel and assets to help people in Kedah who needed urgent water supply assistance," he said today.

Together with other RAJD squadrons from Kedah, Pahang and Selangor, Jaseni said the Penang squadron would undertake the following pipe laying works in Kedah, in the period from March 3 until April 4.

The works include:

- \* laying of 1km of a 180mm water pipeline at Kampung Tanah 100 in the Kota Setar district;
- \* laying of 50m of a 125mm water pipeline at Kampung Risda in Gurun;
- \* laying of 200m of a 125mm water pipeline at Kampung Anak Ikan, Bukit Selambau, to replace a broken old pipe;
- \* laying of 150m of a 125mm water pipeline at Kampung Bukit Chengal, Pendang; and
- \* laying of 450m of a 180mm water pipeline at Kampung Bendang Bukit, Pendang.

"This operation also includes the deployment of water tankers to distribute treated water to affected consumers in Gurun, Merbok, Tg. Dawai, Semeling and Sg. Lalang," Jaseni added.