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Taps back on for 60% of Penangites affected by water cuts, says deputy minister



BUTTERWORTH: Nearly 60% of the 590,000 accounts affected by scheduled water cuts in Penang have had their water supply restored, says deputy energy transition and public utilities minister Akmal Nasir.

Penang began a four-day scheduled water cut yesterday, and Akmal said he was briefed by Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) CEO K Pathmanathan today that 350,000 accounts have got their “water supply back as normal”.

“PBAPP can achieve its 96-hour (supply recovery) plan. This is the commitment that they have given,” Akmal told reporters after inspecting work done by the state water company at the Sungai Dua water treatment plant here.

Meanwhile, PBAPP said it has completed preventative maintenance works at 21 of 22 locations statewide. Repair works are still ongoing at the Sungai Perai riverbed pipe that was ruptured yesterday.

Pathmanathan told the press that so far, only 5% of the accounts in the Barat Daya district have had their water supply restored.

“All of our assets will be mobilised to the district. We are still in the (recovery) timeframe,” he said.