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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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## **AUXILIARY POLICE TEAM KEPT PENANG'S WATER SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS SAFE AND SECURE**

- **No major crime cases or incidents in Penang's "public dams".**
- **No serious security issues at the Sungai Dua Canal, water treatment plants, main pumping stations, one-stop operations complexes and customer care centres.**

PENANG, Friday, 29.11.2019: The PBAHB auxiliary police team (*Polis Bantuan PBAHB*) has effectively kept all of Penang's water supply facilities safe and secure in the past 5 years.

### **Public safety at dams**

Since Penang's dams are open to the public from 7.00am to 7.00pm daily, *Polis Bantuan* security posts have been set up in the Air Itam Dam and Teluk Bahang Dam. These posts are manned on a 24/7 basis; and the officers patrol the dam areas every 2 hours.

As a result of their good work, there has been NO major crime cases or incidents in Penang's dam premises.

Kindly note that the Air Itam Dam and Teluk Bahang Dam are popular green recreation areas that are accessed by thousands of walkers, hikers, runners, cyclists, taichi and yoga practitioners, photographers and tourists every month.

## **Operational security at all water supply installations**

The *Polis Bantuan PBAHB* team is in-charge of security at the following water supply installations in Penang, on a daily basis:

- the 14km Sungai Dua Canal;
- 3 dams;
- 9 water treatment plants;
- 9 main pumping stations;
- 58 reservoirs;
- 3 one-stop operations complexes; and
- 9 customer service centres.

In the past 5 years, their primary key performance indicator (KPI) was “no serious security issues” at all these installations that might have compromised continuous water supply operations in the State of Penang.

While protecting PBAPP installations, the *Polis Bantuan PBAHB* team has:

- Prevented theft of scrap iron from the Sungai Dua Water Treatment Plant;
- Assisted the Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) to capture 3 suspects who entered the Mengkuang Dam area; and
- Stopped an attempt to steal agar wood trees (*pokok gaharu*) from the Air Itam Dam premises.

## **138 personnel, headed by an ASP**

Today, the official *Polis Bantuan PBAHB* 2019 “Wearing of the Ranks and Parade” ceremony was held at the Sungai Dua Water Treatment Plant.

The guest-of-honour was Dato’ T. Narenasagaran, the Chief Police Officer (CPO) of Penang.

The ceremony officialised the following:

- Promotion of an auxiliary police senior officer to the rank of “assistant superintendent of police” (ASP);
- Promotion of three auxiliary police constables to the rank of “corporal”; and
- Appointment of 44 new auxiliary police constables who had successfully completed basic training at the RMP Training Centre (PULAPOL).

The event also marked the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Polis Bantuan PBAHB*.

Our auxiliary police force which was established in on 28.11.2013 with only 11 personnel.

Today, *Polis Bantuan PBAHB* comprises a team of 138 personnel, headed by an ASP. The team operates 24 security posts, and is equipped with 6 patrol cars and 12 motorcycles, including a new 4-wheel drive truck and 3 off-road motorcycles that were commissioned today.

PBAPP wishes to record its sincere appreciation to the Royal Malaysian Police Headquarters in Bukit Aman and the Penang Police Contingent Headquarters in Penang for their kind assistance and support. From the point of establishment until today, they have helped us to commandeer a competent and respected PBAHB Polis Bantuan team.

With more manpower and vehicles, *Polis Bantuan PBAHB* will continue to prioritise the security of Penang’s water supply installations and public safety at Penang’s dams.

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