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## Fish farm operator who polluted Sg Selangor penalised



Structures at the fish farm in Hulu Selangor being demolished. – Photo courtesy of LUAS

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A FISH farm illegally operating on government land was found to have polluted Sungai Selangor, causing the April 17 unscheduled water disruption in several areas in the state.

Three structures at the farm in Hulu Selangor were demolished by the authorities.

In a statement, Selangor Water Management Authority (LUAS) said its officers took part in the demolition exercise led by the Gombak District and Land Office.

The exercise also involved about 80 officers from Selayang Municipal Council (MPS), Selangor Disaster Management Unit, Air Selangor, police and the Department of Environment.

Odour pollution was detected at the raw water source in Sungai Selangor on the night of April 16.

Four water treatment plants were then temporarily shut down with Air Selangor personnel flushing out the contaminated water.

The plants resumed operations at 6.30am on April 17 but caused water disruptions in seven regions following the reduced water levels in the main reservoirs in the

respective areas.

The Gombak Land Office issued a notice to the fish farm owner for operating on government land without permission, under Section 425 of the National Land Code 1965.

"Three structures were demolished, comprising a fish collection station, store and its fish processing facility.

"We also found 15 fish ponds on the premises and 14 of them were in use," said LUAS in the statement.

LUAS also issued a Water Protection Order to the fish farm owner, under LUAS Enactment 1999 Section 122, giving the owner eight days to carry out pollution control and rehabilitation works at the site starting April 22.

"Together with Air Selangor, we will closely monitor rehabilitation works at the site that includes treatment through the dilution of water and activated carbon (AC)."

Rela personnel have been stationed at the site with other enforcement authorities for 24 hours to monitor and ensure there is no further pollution at the site.

LUAS assured residents that despite the movement control order and the upcoming festive season, all agencies involved are ready to handle future incidents to prevent water disruption.

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