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Disgruntled over dry taps

Affected residents scramble to fill up containers amid water cuts

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TRAFFIC along Persiaran Wawasan in Puchong doubled overnight as residents scrambled to fill their empty containers from Air Selangor water tankers at an open carpark.

Air Selangor has been operating there since the water supply in the neighbourhood was cut off on Saturday.

The residents were among 336,930 account holders in 366 locations in Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat and Sepang who have been affected by the sudden water cut.

The operations of two water treatment plants were stopped after pollution was detected in Sungai Semenyih.

"This is unfortunate as we just returned home after a short break in Pahang with my children," said Chloe Lee who was busy filling up empty mineral bottles with her husband in tow.

"If we knew earlier, we might have extended our holiday instead," said Lee.

Koh Kok Wee, 44, thought it was just another low water pressure day as such incidences were common in the neighbourhood.

"We did not even bother to store water," said Koh who lives in Jalan Wawasan 1 with his wife and two children.

He said it was unfortunate that the pollution occurred just a day before the Winter Solstice celebration, an important date on the Chinese calendar.

"We were looking forward to making *tang yuan* (glutinous rice balls)," he said.

Kamsiah Sukiman, who was busy filling up two large bottles for her mother, said the water cut inconvenienced many elderly residents.

"I don't live here, but I had to



come to get water for my mother who cannot drive out herself," said the technician.

Some residents also felt that Air Selangor should make more frequent rounds in the neighbourhoods instead of parking the water tankers in one spot.

Subang Jaya councillor George Yap, who was at the site, said he had monitored the situation at the water distribution centres and was satisfied that supply was adequate.

He said residents could also stop at Kinrara assemblyman Ng Sze Han's service centre in Jalan Cenuk 2 and the Taman Kinrara Community Hall to get their bottles filled.

"Those looking for a place to shower can visit the Puchong Jaya Community Hall.

"We are also distributing reverse osmosis water to the public and they can collect it from any of our water distribution centres," said Yap.

Air Selangor corporate communication head Abdul Halem Mat Som said the Sungai Semenyih water treatment plant resumed operations at 1pm yesterday.

In a statement, he said the Bukit Tampoi water treatment plant would, however, be inoperational until further notice.

Pollution caused by illegal dumping forced the closure of the Sungai Semenyih water treatment plant twice in three months, affecting more than 1.5 million residents in several districts.

Oily residue was found in a Bukit Mahkota manhole last week, which Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS) confirmed to be the source of odour pollution that forced the shutdown of the Sungai Semenyih and Bukit Tampoi water treatment plants, as well as the Bandar Bukit Mahkota sewage treatment plant, on Dec 21.

The public can get the latest information on the water disruption via the Air Selangor mobile app, Facebook or its website www.airselangor.com

Residents in Puchong queuing up to fill their containers with water at the Taman Wawasan carpark.

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