Prepared for two-day disruption

Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Syabas) should consistently have the announcement in the paper to inform the public about it," she said, adding that she reads the newspapers every day but did not see the announcement.

"I have seven people living in this house, including children. It would be very hard to take care of children without water," said Subashini.

"I can get through two days without doing any washing but what about those doing business in the area? They can't close and lose their income over this. There are also many old and sick people in the neighbourhood," said the disgruntled mother.

SS6/1, Kelana Jaya resident, Rifidi Hamidi, 43, has stored four large pails of water for his wife, Sarina Abdullah, 41, and daughter Aila Hamidi, 9.

"It is sufficient for a day's disruption," said Rifidi. He said the water supply is for sanitation.

"Heavy cleaning will be put on hold until the situation is back to normal," Rifidi said.

He said water disruption seldom happens in Kelana Jaya, if it does, it's usually due to pipe bursts and takes about four hours to repair.

"This will be the longest water disruption since 1995," he said.

My DIY Kinrara Multicolor Centre employee Shahlin Alias, 26, said about 30 people came to buy pails and containers on Monday night.

"A large bucket sells for RM40 while the small ones were sold for RM10 each," he said.

He said they've been stocking up pails and containers at the shop for customers.

Giant Hypermarket at Jalan SS6/13, Kelana Jaya has mineral water bottles priced between RM1 to RM4.99, which many would also turn to for their daily water supply.

An employee at Restoran Jaya SS5, Kelana Jaya, Rozita Mohamad, 45, said she knew about the water disruption from the television and her daughter.

"We are going to store water when we are done with the kitchen work," she said.

She hopes that Syabas tankers will also be stationed at commercial areas.

"Usually the tankers will stop at residential areas. For food and beverage businesses, water supply is crucial," she said.

Rosita, who lives at SS3 Kelana Jaya, has reached seven large containers to store water.

"We're also planning to use polystyrene or paper plates and cups. This is to reduce water usage for cleaning," she said.

She said she had to fork out RM300 to buy the plates.

"We didn't have to buy big water containers because this restaurant has been around since August 1983," she said adding that it may be costly for new business owners to purchase the containers.

Checks at the Seri Setia market revealed that traders were alerted about the two-day water cut by Syabas and had stocked up enough water yesterday.

A fishmonger, who wanted to be identified as Wong, said that water cut on weekdays would not be too much of a problem for her.

"There are not many customers on weekdays," she said, adding that she had stored water in three large pails for today and tomorrow.

Shopper Mananun Hussin, 42, who sells about 100 chickens a day, said that she has stored more water to meet demand for these two days.

Another butcher, who wanted to be known only as Chin, said his workers start slaughtering chicken from 2am until 11am at the back of the market.

"We have stored a few gallons of water to be used during the water cut period," he said.

Yap, 66, who sells Hainanese chicken rice at the market's food court said he would close his shop during the water cut.

Selangor Royal Club Bukit Klara, one of the clubs in the area listed for the water cut, said that it has sufficient water supply.

For details on the water cut, call Syabas at its hotline 1-800-86-5332.