

# Semenyih plant shuts down again

> Odour pollution recurs at river, culprit identified, says Air Selangor

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**PETALING JAYA:** The Semenyih water treatment plant was shut down due to odour pollution yesterday.

Air Selangor Group head of corporate communications Amin Lin Abdullah said the pollution at the Semenyih river recurred at tram on Monday.

He said due to this, a few areas in Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat, Petaling Jaya and Sepang would experience water disruption.

This is the fourth time the plant has been shut down for similar reasons in the last two weeks.

The first three shutdowns occurred on Sept 22, 23 and 24.

"We have identified the source of pollution from a business premises located at Batu 22 1/4, Jalan Sg Langang, Semenyih.

"The Department of Environment (DOE), Selangor Water Management Authority (LUAS) and the Kajang Municipal Council (MPK) are taking the necessary action against the business

operator," he said in a statement.

He said water supply would be restored in stages as soon as the water treatment plant resumes operations.

Amin said relief water supply would be sent by tankers to the affected areas.

Consumers are urged to get status updates via the "mySYABAS" smartphone application and at www.syabas.com.my and to request for relief water supply by sending their address by SMS to 15300.

Meanwhile, state exco for Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Elizabeth Wong said MPK and DOE have shut down the business operator for further investigations.

"The case has been referred to the DOE for further action under Section 25 of the Environmental Quality Act 1974," she said in a statement.

Earlier yesterday, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali visited the factory with personnel from MPK, LUAS and Air Selangor.

Azmin also took the DOE to task for not sending its personnel to the site to collect samples of the pollution on Monday night.

In statement issued yesterday, Azmin said as a long-term measure, the state government would appoint a river monitoring task force to be placed at several locations in the state.



Above: Toxic chemicals that are believed to have polluted the river.

LUAS personnel collecting water samples for testing.



Anita with her bike at the podium.

## Woman biker gets warm welcome after global feat

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**IPOH:** Anita Yusof, the first solo Muslim woman biker to ride a her motorcycle around the globe for a year, received a warm reception from her colleagues and students of Institut Pendidikan Guru (IPG) Ipoh campus in Ulu Kinta yesterday morning.

IPG Ipoh campus director Kamarulizham Hazizi, Education Ministry IPG deputy director Dr Noriati Rashid and Ulu Kinta assemblyman Datuk Aminuddin Mohd Hanapiyah were also present to give her a rousing welcome.

For her feat, the 49-year-old lecturer, who arrived in her Yamaha FZ150, received gifts, souvenirs and a plaque from the institute.

Anita, exhilarated by her achievement, told reporters that she intends to write a book on her travels as there were so many unforgettable experiences, incidents and events to be shared with others.

"My solo feat will definitely motivate others, especially women. I have been invited to give talks where I will share my experiences," she said.

She added that her next adventure is to the Himalayas.

Anita, who has two sons, said she is proud to be the first Muslim woman to travel solo around the globe on a motorcycle.

"There is always a negative perception, especially when it comes to women travelling alone.

"There were instances when people could not believe that I, as a Muslim woman, was travelling alone."

Anita said she had to explain that not all Muslim countries discriminate against women.

With her hard-earned savings of RM120,000 in hand, she had to be careful with her expenses.

"By God's grace, I received some cash and accommodation in some of the countries I travelled," said Anita, whose bike was sponsored by Hong Leong Yamaha while GIVI Asia Sdn Bhd, a manufacturer of motorcycle accessories, sponsored jackets, a helmet and other necessities.

She started her 65,369km journey on Sept 13, 2015, and returned on Sept 16 this year, making it a memorable Malaysia Day.

Her feat also gained a place in the Malaysia Book of Records for The First Solo Motorcycle Ride Around The World.

## 10,000 public sector jobs for the disabled by 2020, says ministry

**MALACCA:** Some 10,000 positions in the public sector will have to be filled by people with disabilities by 2020, said Deputy Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Azizah Mohd Dun.

She said in the 11th Malaysia Plan, covering a period of five years starting this year, the government had set a target of 1% of people with disabilities to be employed in the public sector, which involves 16,000 of the 1.6 million public service positions available.

Of the 16,000 positions, she said, only 13,000 jobs were suitable for the group as other positions in the police and military force had specific requirements.

"More than 3,000 public sector positions have been filled and we will consult various parties to ensure that the remaining quota is completely taken up by the group," she told a press conference here.

She was speaking after the launch of the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Action Plan Roadshow 2016-2017 for the South Zone at Stadium Hang Jebat, Krubong, here. Also present was Malacca Women, Family Development and Welfare Affairs Committee chairman Datuk Latipah Omar.

Commenting on the 2016-2017 action plan, Azizah said it was launched on Aug 9 and the cooperation of various parties, especially the private sector and local authorities, was important to ensure its success.

She said it was important for the private sector to provide disabled-friendly facilities in public areas such as at shopping centres and hotels.

The private sector had also responded positively by hiring more disabled people.

She hoped more people with disabilities would be given equal opportunities. - Bernama

### BRIEFS

#### GLC RETIREES WANT MINIMUM PENSION

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Retirees of government-linked companies are asking for a minimum pension of RM800. The Union Network International-Malaysia Labour Centre (UNI-MLC) and unions of employees in GLCs said they had submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak. "Many GLC retirees are receiving about RM150 to RM350 monthly - a far cry from the RM820 minimum pension in the public sector," UNI-MLC president Mohamed Shafie Mammal said in a statement yesterday. - Bernama

#### HELD FOR OFFENSIVE POST ON TMJ

**JOHOR BARU:** Police have detained a man suspected of posting an offensive remark on the Tengku Mahkota of Johor, Tunku Ismail

Sultan Ibrahim. Johor police chief Datuk Wan Ahmad Najmuddin Mohd said the 26-year-old was detained at a house in Jalan Masjid, Wakaf Baru, Kelantan, at about 11am. "Police seized a SIM card believed to have been used to post the offensive remark," he said here yesterday. Police took action following a report made on Sept 29 over the insult on Facebook. - Bernama

#### 'REMOVED TOWER WAS TELCO STRUCTURE'

**SHAH ALAM:** The Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) did not remove a minaret in the Surau Ar-Raudhah, Setia Alam compound but a telecommunications structure which was built without a permit. In a statement issued here yesterday, it said it had referred the issue of the illegal telecommunications structure to the Selangor Islamic Religious Department. - Bernama