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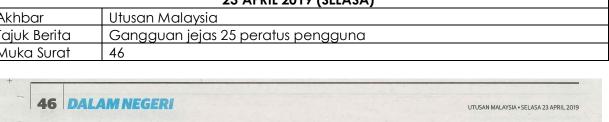
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Air Selangor sedia 99 lori tangki, 106 tangki statik bekal air kecemasan

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ANGGUAN bekalan air yang bermula Rabu ini merupakan antara yang terbesar pernah berlaku melibatkan kira-kira 25 peratus pengguna di Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur.

Lumpur.
Pengerusi Suruhanjaya
Perkhidmatan Air Negara
(SPAN), Charles Santiago berkata, gangguan bekalan di Klang,
Shah Alam, Gombak, Kuala
Langat, Kuala Selangor, Kuala
Lumpur dan Petaling kali ini
menjejaskan 620,835 pemilik
akaun atau 4,143,465 pengguna
di 572 kawasan

akaun atau 4,143,465 pengguna di 577 kawasan.
"Ia adalah antara gangguan air terbesar setakat ini melibakan kira-kira 25 peratus pengguna di Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur," katanya kepada Utusan Malaysia.
Charles berkata, gangguan selama 86 jam itu tidak dapat dielakkan keoran pelaksanaan kerja-kerja penambahbaikan di Loji Rawatan Air Sungai Selangor Fasa 2 yang memerlukan tindakan segera.
Katanya, kerja penambahbaikan terpaksa dilakukan



CHARLES SANTIAGO



ABDUL RAOF AHMAD

lebih awal untuk mencegah

lebih awal untuk mencegah kerosakan atau risiko kegaga-lan sistem elektrik sekali gus mencegah gangguan bekalan air tidak terancang.
"Perancangan telah dibuat pada Disember lalu untuk kerja-kerja pembaikan dilaksanakan pada Julai ini tetapi keadaan semasa memerlukan tindakan segera oleh Air Selangor.
"Perkar ain juga mengambil kira keperluan bekalan air sempena cuti 1 Mei, bulan Ramadan dan sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfiti," katanya.
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Sementara itu Pengurusan
Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. (Air Selangor) akan menggerakkan sebanyak 99 buah lori tangki air
termasuk 17 lori tangki air jumbo di sekitar Lembah Klang,
Ketua Jabatan Perhubungan
Pelanggan dan Komunikasi
Pengurusan Air Selangor, Abdul Raof Ahmad berkata, bantuan air kecemasan itu akan

disalurkan untuk keperluan orang ra-mai dan premis ban-gunan yang kritikal seperti hospital, klinik dan pusat di-alisis

alisis.

"Air Selangor juga akan menyediakan 106 tangki air statik di kawasan terjejas pada Jumaat ini sekilanya bekalan air masih belam pulih dalam tempoh yang

lum pulih dalam tempoh yang

num puin daiam tempon yang ditetapkan.
"Kami akan memberi ke-tutamaan kepada pengguna yang memerlukan bekalan un-tuk tujuan kecemasan seperti kematian dan majlis kerama-ian," katanya ketika dihubungi di siri hari di

ian," katanya ketika dihubungi di sini hari ini.
Beliau berkata, pihaknya juga akan mengaktifkan 10 Pusat Khidmat Setempat (PKS) pada Jumaat ini yang akan beroperasi pada pukul 8 pagi.
Tambah beliau, PKS berfungsi sebagai pusat aduan orang ramai yang mengumpul maklumat, menerima aduan dan menyalurkan bantuan secara

lumat, menerima aduan dan menyalurkan bantuan secara berpusat di kawasan terjejas. "10 lokasi PKS akan bero-perasi 24 jam sehari iaitu dua di Kuala Lumpur, tiga di Shah Alam dan Klang, tiga di Petaling dan masing-masing satu di Gombak dan Kuala Selangor," katanya.

GANGGUAN BEKALAN AIR

Tempoh gangguan 24 HINGGA 26 APRIL 2019

PUNCA: Kerja penambah-baikan sistem bekalan air di Loji Rawatan Air Sungai

Operasi: 26 April 2019 bermula 8 pagi

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620,835 atau 4,143,465 pengguna

KAWASAN TERJEJAS:

Kuala Lumpur

Klang/Shah Alam

Petaling Gombak

Kuala Langat

Kuala Selangoi **PUSAT KHIDMAT SETEMPAT (PKS)**

KUALA LUMPUR: Parkir Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan, Jalan Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, Parkir Surau An-Nur Bandar Baru Sentul KLANG/SHAH ALAM: Dewan MBSA, Taman rekreasi Jalan Delima 8, Jalan B34/B (berhampiran Mydin Bukit Naga).

PETALING: Jalan Kubu Gaiah Taman Sri Buloh U19/1A, Jalan Merah Silu Bandar Baru Sri Petaling, Jalan Harapan Seksem 17. KUALA LANGAT: Tiada

GOMBAK: Jalan Kenanga SD9/5 Bandar Sri Damansara KUALA SELANGOR: Dataran KFC Puncak Alam, Jalan Puncak Alam Jaya 13, Pusat Perdagangan Bandar Puncak Alam

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the diverted route provided during the closure.

There will be a continuation of road closure at Jalan Persiaran Pinggiran Putra until May 6, from 11pm to 5am. Affected roads include Jalan Putra Permai and Jalan Persiaran Lestari Perdana 1. For details, call the MRT hotline at 1800-82-6868.

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE A blood donation drive will be held from 10am to 4pm today at Concourse, The Weld, Jalan Raja Chulan, Kuala Lumpur. Members of the public are encouraged to donat blood and save lives.

FREE TALK
A free talk on heart health will be held this Saturday from 4pm to 6pm at the Lifestyle Centre, 10, Jalan 5/35, Bukit Gasing, Petaling Jaya. Featured topics are on Preventing Heart Disease and Care for Heart Patients. To reserve a seat, call 03-7931 2273 or 010-368 2273.

TAI CHI CLASS
Huang Tai Chi is organising English-speaking tai Chi classes for beginners. The one-hour classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at SK La Salle, Jalan Gasing, Petaling Jaya, and every Monday and Wednesday at SK Seri Selangor, USJ 4, Subang Jaya. For details, call 016-318 4173 (Dr Wengyl (217-201 901) (Berna) Wong)/ 017-301 8013 (Peggy).

NATURE DATA COLLECTION

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The Klang Valley City Nature
Challenge (KVCNC) 2019 is happening from Apul 25 to 29. The
KVCNC is a citizen science project to
engage amateur scientists and nature
enthusiasts to collect data and
document the urban wildlife and
plants. Members of the public can
take photos of wildlife lamy plant,
animal, fungi or mould) with its
location recorded and share their
observations on www.inaturalist.org,
For details, visit https://bit.
ly/2UwnjBE

DECLUTTER DAY
Bring your unwanted items on April
27 and 28, from 9am to 1pm, to The
Boulevard MBPJ, Jalan Yong Shook

CALL FOR ENTRY

The Japanese Embassy is calling for entries for the 13th Japan International Manga Award. In an International Manga Award. In an effort to share Japanese pop culture and promote understanding of the country, this award was established in 2007 to honour non-Japanese cartoonists for their contribution to the promotion of Manga culture outside Japan. Application deadline is June 7. For details, visit www.my. emb-japan.go.jp



An unregulated dumpsite in Pulau Indah in Port Klang, Selangor, — Photo courtesy of Greenpeace Malaysia

Fixing a broken system

Only 9% of all plastic waste globally is recycled, with the rest mostly ending up in landfills. This has to change

By SHEILA SRI PRIYA sheilasripriya@thestar.c

TAKE responsibility for your own waste – that is the message Greenpeace Malaysia has for developed nations that have been dumping their plastic waste on Malaysia and other third world

Malaysia and other third world countries.

Campaigner for the local arm of the global independent environmental protection group, Heng Kiah Chun, said it is time for nations, corporations and the public to be responsible and deal with unregulated plastic waste in their own countries in an ethical manner. Transferring waste to another country for disposal purposes and the use of plastic packaging waste from single-use fast-moving consumer goods (PMcG) has to reduce drastically, said Heng.

He addressed this issue at the Sampah Menyampah' environment talk held at The School, Jaya One in Petaling Jays.

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"Malaysia and any other country should not be used as a dumping

snould not be used as a dumping ground.
"Developed countries should stop shifting their responsibility to other countries over their own plastic waste problem.
"Every country must have policies to reduce single-use plastics which could nip the problem at its source," said Heng.
He pointed out globally, only 9% of plastic waste ever produced has been recycled, while 12% has been incinerated, and the remaining 79% ends up in the landfill or the natural environment.
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"It is clear that recycling alone cannot fix our plastic pollution problem fast enough," said Heng, who shared his findings of foreign plastic waste dumping in the

country last year.
At least 45 sites with plastic waste were identified by Greenpeace and Kuala Langat Environment
Protection Association, with rubbish

Composition of the global plastic recycling

detected from 19 countries such as the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Constant monitoring

Since the discovery, the Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Ministry (MESTECC) and the respective state governments have undertaken measures to control the problem. Last October, the Government imposed a ban on the import of plastic scrap to prevent the country from becoming a dumping ground for waste.

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The plastic recycling and manu-facturing industry in Malaysia is a lucrative business, worth about RM30bil locally, while globally, it is worth RM600bil.

This proves to be a draw for many illegal plastic recycling com-

panies to set up shop or reopen operations that have been shut down.

operations that have been still down.

This is why Heng said there is a need for these areas to be constantly monitored for fear return of multicensed plastic recycling operations.

"Our field investigations suggest that unregulated processing of imported plastic waste in the country continues despite the announcement from the government of the import ban," he said.

"At Jenjarom, the dumping of plastic waste has reduced to just 5% of the original plastic waste. Most of the waste has been cleared since the issue was given media attention.

tion.
"From our insights, the waste in
Teluk Gong, Port Klang is still there. "Sadly, we have now received complaints from local communities

in Kedah, Segamat (Johor) and Ipoh (Perak) that there are international plastic waste stored in industrial areas and abandoned buildings there.

"The problem cannot shift to other communities or even countries. We need to get to the root of it," Heng added.

Based on Greenpeace Malaysia's finding, most of the unregulated imported plastic waste was of FMCG items.

Among the illegally dumped plastic items that were found at Pulau Indah, Port Klang, for instance, were items such as plastic cups from a US coffee chain.

In Jenjarom, the group found fast food packing from Europe with wordings in four languages—Italian, German, French and English.

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"Ultimately the world just has to invest in better alternatives.
"I am in touch with the plastic reducing association in the country and they say there are alternatives to plastic such as items made of starch and seaweed.
"The cost is the problem. They want some government support and it could be done through tax exemption. This will allow them to invest in new green industries." "Governments and companies must set clear reduction targets for non-essential plastics and invest in

non-essential plastics and invest in creating alternatives," he said.





Theng says the issue goes beyond the economic aspect; it concerns human ethics and cross-border pollution.



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Open burning of plastic waste in Pulau Indah in Port Klang. This photo was taken by Greenpeace Malaysia

Disgraceful waste trail

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Waste management specialist
Dr Theng Lee Chong, when
contacted by StarMetro, said the
first world countries that brag
about their high recycling rates
should reflect on the disgraceful
waste trail shifted to other parts of
the world to deal with.
"The responsibility of recycling
lies on the shoulders of both the
exporting and importing countries.
The trading of plastic waste in the
world is not well controlled and is
mostly business driven.
"The issue goes beyond the economic aspect – it concerns human
ethics and cross-border pollution,"
he said.

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ethics and cross-border pollution," he said.
People from the developed mations must be aware that their waste is affecting citizens from other countries, said Theng who shared statistics of the recycling rates of the developed countries. Theng said based on estimation through various reports, Germany recycles 66% of its waste, Austria

(55%), Belgium (53%), Switzerland (53%), Netherlands (52%), Australia (51%), Sweden (45%), Demmark (46%), Italy (44%), UK (43.5%), Norway (45%), Poland (42.5%), Firaland (41%), France (40%) and the US (55%). Pland (41%), France (40%) and the US (55%). Pland (41%), France (40%) and the US (55%) recording rate statistics. Is the waste truly recycled or is it just a perception? he questioned. Globally, the focus should on the Extended Producers Responsibility (ERE) whereby the producer of goods is responsible for the end of life of the product through recycling or another form of waste treatment. Theng said EPR and product Design For the Environment (DFE) should be the direction product manufacturers are geared towards. "A product should be designed in a way that when it becomes waste, it can still be easily managed as compared to dumping it in the landfill or to be incherated. "There is always the debate that

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these eco-friendly products are expensive but with the right attitude and support, it can be achieved. "The cost of ocean pollution and pollution in the developing countries would deprive our future generations in numerous ways," he said.

counters would begin be under the said.

Theng also shared his worries that the issue of unregulated plastivaste recycling is now affecting other parts of the country. He referred to an incident earlier this month where an illegal plastic waste company caught fire in Sungal Petani, Kedah.

"Parents from a nearby school there sent me some photos of the fire and the children were wearing masks in their school.

"Imagine the harmful dioxin gas that would be released into the air and inhaled by the public," he said, adding that authorities must carry out measures to weed out these illegal plastic waste factories before they do more damage.



Greenpeace Malaysia campaigner Heng at the 'Sampah Menyampah' environment talk.

