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Air Sabah: Mohd Shafie diminta jumpa PM percepat peruntukan RM320 juta

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Mohd Shafie (dua dari kanan) ketika bertemu rakan ADUN di lobi DUN Sabah, Kota Kinabalu.

KOTA KINABALU - Ketua Pembangkang Sabah, Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal diminta supaya tidak membuat tuduhan secara keterlaluan berhubung isu bekalan air di negeri ini.

Mohd Shafie yang Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Senallang juga turut diminta untuk bertemu dengan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim supaya mempercepatkan peruntukan RM320 juta disalurkan kepada kerajaan negeri bagi menyelesaikan isu air di Sabah.

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ADUN Sindumin, Datuk Dr Yusof Yacob berkata, kenyataan bahawa pihak swasta yang menyediakan tangki air seolah-oleh menuduh kerajaan tidak mengambil peduli isu masalah bekalan air.

"Kerajaan sekarang bukan tidur, kita buat. Jadi tuduhan-tuduhan itu keterlaluan kalau tangki air swasta pun yang bagi. Di kawasan saya, ADUN yang bagi. Saya ingat ADUN yang lain pun mengeluarkan belanja juga, ini seolah-olah kerajaan langsung tidak peduli.

"Lagi satu, kita telah berusaha minta RM320 juta. Sebagai Kerajaan Perpaduan, sepatutnya Yang Berhormat menghadap Perdana Menteri percepatkan RM320 juta yang dijanjikan itu," katanya mencelah ketika Mohd Shafie membahas pembentangan Rang Undang-Undang (RUU) Perbekalan Tambahan 2023 dalam sidang Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Sabah pada Selasa.

RUU tersebut telah dibentang oleh Menteri Kewangan Sabah, Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun.

Sebelum itu, Mohd Shafie dalam perbahasannya mempersoalkan keperluan kerajaan negeri yang memperuntukkan RM10 juta untuk membeli tanah sedangkan isu bekalan air menjadi keutamaan kepada rakyat Sabah ketika ini.

"Bekalan air bukan satu perkara yang kecil, kalau saya melihat dari segi peruntukan yang diberikan, ada peruntukan yang saya teliti iaitu menelan belanja sehingga RM10 juta untuk membeli tanah.

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"Saya ingin bertanya, mengapa harus kita membeli tanah? Apa kesannya tanah ini yang perlu dibeli untuk membolehkan sistem penyampaian bekalan air kepada rakyat di Sabah ini dapat kita manfaatkan," katanya.

Tambah Mohd Shafie, beliau sedar dan tahu dalam sesi soal jawab bahawa ada sedikit sebanyak keredaan (isu air) mungkin di Kota Kinabalu, tetapi bukan di Kota Kinabalu sahaja menjadi masalah, malah di seluruh daerah.

"Bukan hanya airnya bahkan bekalan. Bayangkan ini menampakkan kepada peringkat dunia kegagalan kerajaan yang tidak mampu untuk membekalkan air menjadi satu keperluan kepada rakyat Sabah ini sehingga kita bergantung kepada swasta.

"Tangki air itu pun kita bergantung dengan swasta. Takkan tidak ada paip, takkan tidak ada jabatan-jabatan di peringkat daerah yang telah diwujudkan sejak berpuluh tahun untuk ditambah baik.

"Ini yang membimbangkan kita, kalau tiada fokus dari segi pengurusan pentadbiran kewangan yang ada maka ini amat terbatas," katanya.

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah needs more than RM10bil to effectively resolve its water woes, says Datuk Shahelmey Yahya.

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah needs more than RM10bil to effectively resolve its water woes, says Datuk Shahelmey Yahya.

The Deputy Chief Minister III said the state government had briefed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at a meeting in Putrajaya on June 1 that this would involve a long-term plan to address the water supply issues in Sabah.

He said this would entail efforts to replace old pipes, build new water treatment plants as well as dams.

"But the cost will reach over RM10bil, it is a big sum of money," he said, when replying to a supplementary question by Datuk Darell Leiking (Parti Warisan-Moyog) at the state assembly sitting here on Tuesday (Aug 8).

"The Prime Minister has taken note of this and recommended that a special committee look into how to implement the proposals (to address the water supply issue)," he added.

Leiking had earlier asked whether the RM320.25mil allocation from the Federal Government to Sabah was meant as a one-off grant or soft loan.

The state Works Minister said the premier had hinted that it would be a soft loan.

"But it would be at a very minimal cost and maybe at zero interest," he said, adding the funds would be used to finance short-term initiatives to remedy the water situation.

Replying to an earlier question by nominated assemblyman Datuk Seri Yong Teck Lee, Shahelmey however said that the allocation has yet to be channelled to the state.

"As such, following a meeting on July 26, the state Cabinet has agreed for an allocation from the state government will be utilised first for the implementation of the (short term) water projects.

"Besides that, the Sabah Water Department has started a working paper on the project pre-implementation as preparation to carry out the projects as soon as the approved funds are disbursed," he said.

Shahelmey explained that the state government had proposed 20 projects to be undertaken as part of the short term plan to resolve the water woes with costs involving over RM300mil.

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He said the special technical committee on the Sabah water supply issue meeting had only approved eight out of the 20 projects applied for, with a cost of RM185mil.

The remaining projects were not approved by the technical committee as they involved maintenance and operational activities under the 12th Malaysia Plan (2021-2025) guideline.

"But the technical committee understands the state's intentions for all the 20 short term projects to be approved as they were inter-connected.

"As such, a special task force on the Kelantan and Sabah water supply issue had a meeting on June 21 at the federal Economic Affairs Ministry to discuss on the direction, financing methods and projects implementation recommended by the Sabah government," Shahelmey said.