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SHAH ALAM: Selangor will conduct tests on raw water bought from Pahang following fears of bauxite sediment pollution in rivers there.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali said the state Economic Planning Unit had been directed to monitor the water.

"We decided on this matter last week," he said at a tree-planting programme at the Aeon Mall Shah Alam in Seksyen 13 here yesterday.

"We must conduct tests on raw water from Pahang following bauxite pollution there.

"We expect the test results in two months."

Azmin said the tests were necessary even though the raw water would undergo treatment.

He said it would cost more to treat the water if the pollutant level was high.

"That is why we are also looking into whether the rate of 10 sen per cubic metre is reasonable."

Selangor has been buying water from Pahang in small volumes through the Pahang-Selangor Raw Wa-

ter Channelling Project.

Azmin said the state was not taking much water from Pahang as the Langat 2 water treatment plant would be completed only in 2019.

"The raw water is meant to be treated at Langat 2. For now, the volume is small and can be adjusted according to need," he said.

On a separate matter, Azmin said the state government had held a special session during the weekly Selangor Economic Action Council meeting to discuss matters related to dengue and the El Nino phenomenon, which was expected to last until September.

He said they had also discussed measures to ensure the state's water supply was not disrupted.

Azmin said the executive councillor in charge, Dr Daroyah Alwi, had outlined strategies to combat the dengue epidemic and wanted it to be handled through the efforts of all parties.

"This is a major concern for the state and it is crucial to be prepared for that.

"We have taken measures to see what needs to be done to prepare for this long period of El Nino this

year."

The tree-planting initiative, which has been Aeon's tradition for 25 years, is carried out at its new malls.

As Zainal Abidin's song, *Hijau*, filled the shopping complex's car park, 850 volunteers from Shah Alam City Council, Shah Alam district police, Selangor Fire and Rescue Department, Aeon business partners, Aeon Cheers Club members as well as school and university students planted 13,000 fruit and palm trees as well as herbs and flowering plants.

Aeon Co (M) Bhd managing director Nur Qamarina Chew said, as a responsible corporate citizen, Aeon would continue to contribute its resources to preserve the eco-system at its malls.

"Aeon has planted more than 10 million trees and shrubs throughout its global network," she said.

Present were Aeon Asia Sdn Bhd managing director Shinobu Washizawa and Aeon Co (M) Bhd chairman Datuk Abdullah Mohd Yusof.

Aeon and the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia have set up an educational forest area to educate the younger generation on the need to protect endangered tree species.



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Workers at the **Pahang-Selangor Raw Water Transfer Tunnel**. File pic