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1962 MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE WATER AGREEMENT

JOHOR WELCOMES MOVE TO REVIEW WATER PRICE

MB hopes discussions between nations will be cordial and both parties agree on a good price

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THE Johor government welcomes the move to review the 1962 water agreement between Malaysia and Singapore.
Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Sahrudin Ja-

mal said an increase in the price of water that Johor supplies to the republic would translate into an increase in the state's revenue.

"This will have a positive impact on Johor. We are willing to extend our help or become the mediator for the negotiation."

Dr Sahrudin was commenting on a statement by Water, Land and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Dr A. Xavier Jayakumar in the Dewan Rakyat that the water agreement could be reviewed despite Singapore claiming that Malaysia had lost that right after failing to review the price in 1987 and 2012.

Dr Sahrudin said the price of water sold to Singapore was too low.
"I hope this can be solved in a prudent



Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Sahrudin Jamal (left) during a pre-2020 Johor Budget interview at JohorFM radio studio in Johor Baru yesterday.
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manner based on the good relationship between Malaysia and Singapore. I hope both parties can agree on a good price."

Dr Sahrudin said this during a pre-2020 Johor Budget interview at JohorFM radio studio.

On the state budget, which will be tabled on Nov 21, Dr Sahrudin said the state government would provide incentives and assistance to all levels of society.

"This is the second state budget under the Pakatan Harapan government, but the first for me as menteri besar.

"I am satisfied with the preparations. I want the state budget to take into account views and opinions of all parties, including the people.

"We have received 5,678 suggestions from 2,572 respondents, mostly on education, human capital, cost of living, wealth and environment."

He said civil servants in the state would receive a bonus.
"InshaAllah (God willing).
"As for the amount, you have to wait for the budget to be tabled."

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PROPERTY SHOWCASE

14 - 17 November 2019
Stadium Indera Mulia,
Ipoh, Hall A
10 am - 10 pm

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