



KERATAN AKHBAR

AKHBAR	:	STAR METRO			
TARIKH	:	30/11/2019	MUKA SURAT	:	4
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# Sungai Melaka still a clean river, says exco man

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SUNGAI Melaka or fondly known as "Venice of the East" is not a dirty waterway.

State public works, transportation and public utilities committee chairman Datuk Mohd Sofi Abdul Wahab said Sungai Melaka was certified as a clean river by the Water, Land and Natural

Resources Ministry.

He said the river quality stood at Class Two upstream and dropped to Class Three and Four downstream.

"Monitoring of water quality is done fortnightly and there are 21 evaluation stations from Tampin in Negri Sembilan up to the river-

banks close to Melaka," he said in his written reply to Datuk Sulaiman Ali (BN-Lendu) at the Melaka state assembly.

He said among factors contributing to the contamination of the river were agricultural activities as well as discharge of industrial effluents.

Mohd Sofi said the state government needed the cooperation of various agencies and the local population to ensure that the river was free from pollution.

Sungai Melaka, an important part of Malaysia's history, was known as the "Venice of East" among European voyagers.