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One of the main pipe valves in Taman Klang Jaya that was illegally opened, damaging it.

(Far right) Taman Andalas residents filling containers with water from public taps set up in front of Masjid Jamek Ar Rahimiah in Klang. — Filepic

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WATER has been restored to over 80% of affected areas in Klang following the burst of three main pipes at the Banting-Taiping West Coast Expressway (WCE) construction site last Saturday.

Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor (Syabas) hopes to restore water supply to the remaining areas by tomorrow after repair work on the pipes is completed.

“We are taking all efforts to expedite water supply restoration to all areas and will continue to mobilise water tankers to areas where supply has not been restored as well as operate four temporary service centres,” it said in a statement.

The temporary centres are in Bandar Sultan Suleiman (at Masjid As-Saadah and Lingkar Sultan Abdul Samad 2), Bandar Parkland (at the recreational park in Jalan Selina 8), Taman Sri Andalas (at the Taman Rakyat carpark in Jalan Tun Dr Ismail) and Batu Belah (next to Aeon Big in Jalan Kapar). Three main pipes measuring 1,400mm, 900mm and 600mm at the Klang stretch of the expressway project were severely dan-



Water supply to be fully restored tomorrow

Tankers, temporary service centres to aid affected Klang residents

aged and 65 areas suffered water cuts last Sunday.

It is believed that soil movement caused the pipes to burst.

Syabas said following continuous repair work on the damaged pipes, there were leaks in other locations on the main pipe line as well as landslips, which resulted in further delays.

Meanwhile, National Water Services Commission (SPAN) chairman Charles Santiago has urged Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor) to keep consumers abreast of the status of the repairs and reha-

bitation work following the breakdown.

“Under the provisions of Section 54 and Section 55 of the Water Services Industry Act 2006 (Act 655), water operators are obliged to update with progress reports on supply disruptions to consumers from time to time through media statements, websites and social media.

“As such, Air Selangor has to comply with the requirements under the act by informing consumers on the status of the ongoing repairs in the affected areas.”

In Taman Klang Jaya, there are still people stealing water from main water pipes in Jalan

Selampit 29 and Jalan Seruling 36.

“One of the valves on the main pipe that was illegally opened is damaged and cannot be closed, so treated water is gushing out and being wasted,” said a resident.

“This abuse should not happen again. Syabas must use some sort of mechanism where only they can access the main pipes.”

To help the affected residents, the National Disaster Management Agency sent 4,032 of 1.5l mineral water bottles yesterday.

They also encouraged the Selangor government and various political party members to help out the affected residents.