The Star : 16 October 2006&#65533; Klang Valley residents want water quality to be improved to justify the hike in the water tariffs.&#65533; Most of them also said that there was no justification for a water tariff hike while &#65533;brownish&#65533; water still flowed from their taps. Restaurateur Lim Hua Siong, 49, wants the Government to get Syabas to provide clean water to the taps before the tariffs can be imposed.&#65533; &#65533;If we are going to pay higher tariffs, then the firm that treats and supplies the water must justify their hike with clean water,&#65533; he said.&#65533; {mosimage} Housewife Ros Yatinah, 34, said there was a need to improve water quality. &#65533; &#65533;In recent months I've had to do the laundry twice over due to dirty water supply,&#65533; said the Puchong resident, explaining that her clothes have been stained as a result of unclean water flowing directly to her washing machine. &#65533; &#65533;My neighbours also have the same problem. I believe traders everywhere too might be facing the same dilemma,&#65533; said Ros, adding that food operators must ensure the water used was clean.&#65533; Architect Daniel Lim, 31, of Kelana Jaya had to depend on water filters. &#65533; &#65533;My wife and I moved here 10 months ago and have spent over RM100 just to install basic water filters. With my newborn baby, I can&#65533;t risk having contaminated water,&#65533; he said. &#65533; Klang Consumer Association president A. Devadass said the consumers had a right to clean water.&#65533; &#65533;Consumers are paying for clean water and not for murky water,&#65533; he said. &#65533; On Saturday, Water, Energy and Communications Minister Datuk Seri Lim Keng Yaik said that water tariffs would go up by 15% for Klang Valley consumers who use more than 35 cubic metres per month.&#65533; For consumers who use more than 20 cubic metres a month but less than 35, the tariff increase is 6%.&#65533; Syabas chief operation officer Datuk Lee Miang Koi said they had been working hard to improve the water quality for consumers, including setting up the 24-hour toll free Puspel hotline.&#65533; &#65533;We have always tried to improve the water quality since we took over from PUAS on Jan 1, 2005.&#65533; &#65533;Among our efforts are replacing old pipes, reducing non-revenue water and improving the monitoring of water quality and equipment,&#65533; he told reporters before a dialogue with Bandar Sri Permaisuri residents here yesterday.&#65533;