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Relocation to complete before Murum dam impoundment, SEB assures villagers

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MIRI: Sarawak Energy Bhd (SEB) confirms that the impoundment of the Murum dam has begun but assures folk from the remaining six villages affected by the project that relocation is underway.

The group's vice-president (hydro) Polycarp Wong slammed certain quarters who warned villagers that once impoundment started, it would flood everything.

"It will take about 14 months for the water reservoir to reach its optimal level, but by then all the villagers would have been already relocated to their new resettlement.

"As a responsible organisation answerable to the people and the state government, SEB has carefully developed and planned the resettlement process in accordance to the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP).

"Such rumours saying that people's safety is at stake should be totally dismissed," he said.

Currently there is a number of representatives from the Murum Penan community gathering at the dam site and tabling their concerns to SEB.

They are also asking the group to expedite the resettlement process.

"We are engaging closely with them, assuring them that the process follows our detailed planning.

"However, we must also stress that we will not entertain any illegal conduct that may jeopardise the safety of the people and the implementation of the project," said Wong.

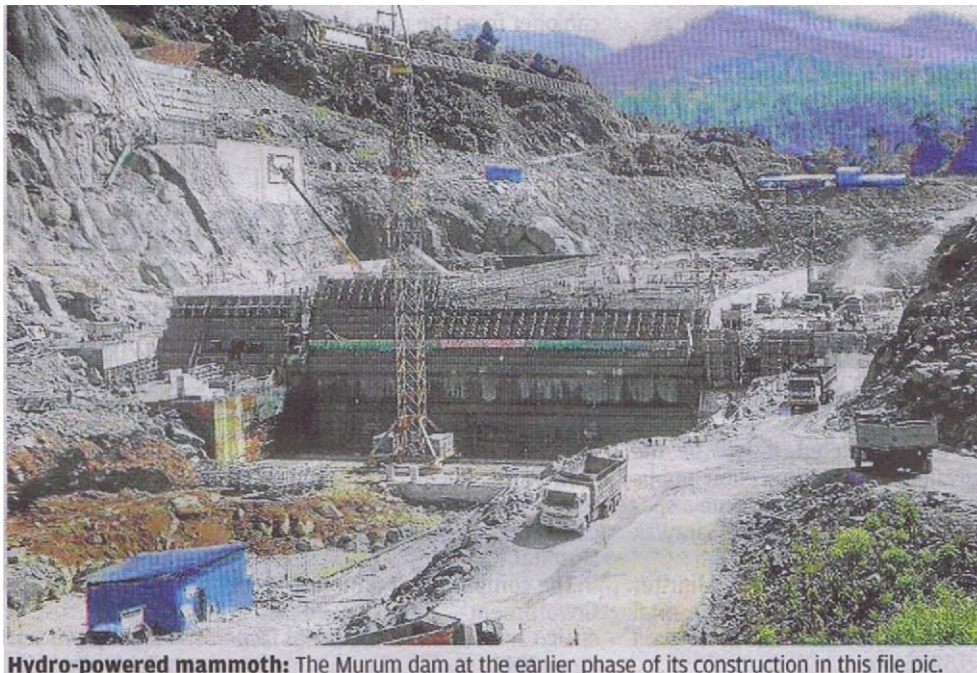
Other than the resettlement process, SEB was also taking comprehensive steps in the conservation of wildlife flora and fauna within and around the Murum dam.

The group signed a collaboration agreement in April with Sarawak Forestry on the Wildlife Monitoring and Rescue (WiMoR) operation slated for this purpose.

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Hydro-powered mammoth: The Murum dam at the earlier phase of its construction in this file pic.