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Most people see TNB as just an electricity provider, but its impact goes far beyond keeping the lights on in our homes and businesses.

TNB plays a crucial role in Malaysia's economy, supporting national development in ways that often go unnoticed. Based on publicly available data, TNB pald RM18.21bil in dividends to its shareholders between 2018 and 2023.

These shareholders include Malaysia's largest government-linked investment companies like the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), Permodalan Nasional Bhd and Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan) (KWAP), which manage the retirement savings and investments of about 33 million Malaysians.

The dividends from TNB directly contribute to the financial security of everyday people.

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When TNB performs well, it strengthens the funds that support retirees, workers, and key national development pro-

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Its financial success is not just about corporate growth – it ensures the well-being of Malaysians who rely on these funds for their future. Khazanah has announced that for 2024, TNB was its largest source of returns, reinforcing how important the national power company is to Malaysia's financial health.

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TNB provides that stability. While Khazanah has a diversified portfolio, it is clear that TNB remains one of its most valuable assets.

The company's ability to generate consistent returns allows Khazanah to invest in other high-growth areas while ensuring steady financial inflows to the nation. Beyond its financial contributions, TNB is leading efforts on modernise Malaysia's energy sector. It is investing in renewable energy, smart grids, and digital infrastructure to ensure that the country remains

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Its role is not just about meeting today's energy needs but ensuring a secure and sustainable future for the next generation. Yet, despite its immense contributions, TNPs role in nation-building is made acknowledged.

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Malaysians need to appreciate that TNB is more than just a company that supplies electricity to our homes and businesses— it is a key pillar of Malaysia's progress. Its contributions to national funds, eco-nomic resilience, and future energy

security make it one of the country's most important assets.
Khazanah's latest results are a timely reminder of how central TNB is to Malaysia's financial strength. As Malaysia moves forward, policy-makers and the public must recognise and protect key institutions like TNB. This is not just about keeping the lights on. It is about powering the nation's growth, stability, and future.

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