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Fadillah (left) welcomes Wan Junadi to his open house at the CIDB Convention Centre. — Photo by Chimon Upon

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KUCHING: The country's power supply will remain stable despite the disruption caused by Tuesday's gas pipeline fire in Putra Heights, Subang Jaya, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources said although some power plants depend on gas, the incident has not affected the overall stability of electricity supply.

"The leak caused some gas lines to be closed but based on the latest reports, we can still ensure that the power supply remains stable throughout this critical period.

"The government will look into additional measures if the gas supply to certain power plants cannot be restored in the near future.

"Next week, we will assess other measures to ensure the continuity of the power supply.

"Petronas is also looking for ways to ensure that the gas supply continues to be available," he told to reporters at his Hari Raya open house at the

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CIDB Convention Centre, here yesterday.

Fadillah said that as preparatory measure, the government has restarted old power plants that do not rely on gas to ensure power supply, especially in the Klang Valley, is not affected.

He also expressed his sympathy to all the victims, adding that a full investigation is underway.

"The rescue process has been completed, and the injured victims have received treatment at the hospital.

"The Prime Minister has also visited the scene of the incident and announced assistance to those who lost their homes and vehicles due to this incident," he added.

Regarding assistance to the victims, Fadillah said the government is awaiting the results of the investigation before finalising the form of help to be provided.

"Petronas, insurance companies and related agencies will assess the appropriate form of assistance.

"In addition, the banks have also announced facilities and assistance to affected borrowers, including those who need to rebuild their homes."

He also commented on the claim that pile-driving work in the incident area may have been the cause of the incident.

"We will leave it to the authorities to investigate.

"Do not make assumptions until the investigation is fully completed," he said.

Among those attending Fadillah and wife Datin Sri Ruziah Mohd Tahir's open house were Sarawak Governor Tun Pehin Sri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar and wife Toh Puan Fauziah Mohd Sanusi, Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg, and Deputy Premier Datuk Amar Dr Sim Kui Hian.