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THE Battery Energy Storage System (Bess) developed by Sabah Electricity (SE), with a 100 megawatts (MW) capacity, is expected to be operational this July.

Sabah Electricity Chief Executive Officer Ir Ts Mohd Yaakob Jaafar said the project, which began in September 2024, is the largest in Malaysia and Southeast Asia.

“The project, built in Lahad Datu, will increase the potential of renewable energy generation primarily since it uses solar energy.

“We can assure you that with the presence of this battery, the power supply issues faced by users on the east coast of Sabah, which have been somewhat insufficient, can

be addressed,” he said after a courtesy call on Head of State Tun Musa Aman at Istana Sri Kinabalu last week.

He said the purpose of the visit was to present RM3.85 million in business zakat from their 2023 profits to the Zakat and Fitrah Division of the Sabah Islamic Religious Council (Muis).

Yaakob also advised the public to exercise greater caution when installing electrical wiring at home to prevent unwanted incidents.

“During Ramadan, several fire cases have been caused by short circuits. Therefore, we advise users only to hire certified contractors,” he said.