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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) has issued a warning to anyone caught stealing electricity that they will not only face the law, but such irresponsible acts could also jeopardize people's lives.

SESB Senior General Manager (Asset Management) Ir Norhizami Abu Hasan said such irresponsible acts, by stealing electricity from the company through various illegal methods, will not only cause death but may cause power disturbance or power failure within those residential areas.

He said all illegal electricity

connections have seen many unwanted incidents, including death, as the illegal electrical cables are exposed in the open and endangered safety of passerby in the area.

Norhizami was referring to an incident where a man was electrocuted after he came into contact with a live but illegal electrical wire at Jalan Keleto in Inanam, here on Sunday.

"After we were notified of the incident, SESB immediately sent a technical team to the location for inspection and found out that the victim was electrocuted due

to illegal connections in the area," he said, adding that SESB had to turn off electricity supply to the residents as there were many illegal wire connections found in the area Norhizami also said that such illegal activities have caused SESB to incur huge losses.

Norhizami added that SESB will continue to monitor and carry out operations against illegal power connections while anyone caught stealing, disturbing or tampering with the company's electrical cables or power transformer will be charged under the Electricity Supply Act 2015.