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Puah: Thorough probe on outage which affected thousands in JB must be done

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JOHOR BARU: Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) has been given two weeks to submit a report on the power outage which hit major parts of the city on Thursday.

State International Trade, Investment and Utilities Committee chairman Jimmy Puah Wee Tse said that TNB must now conduct a thorough post-mortem.

He said the power failure which

affected thousands of people in the city centre was due to a malfunction at a main substation at JBCC along Jalan Rahman Andak at about 1pm.

"Initial investigations showed that the transformers at the main substation malfunctioned and they automatically shut down to prevent an explosion," Puah said when contacted yesterday.

Earlier, he visited the main substation along Jalan Rahman Andak accompanied by TNB Johor

(Distribution Division) general manager Datuk Baderul Sham Saad.

Puah said TNB would conduct a forensic investigation to determine whether the malfunction was due to wear and tear or a technical fault.

He said the state government also directed TNB to come out with a contingency plan to minimise disruptions to consumers in case of a power failure in the future.

Puah also added that TNB had

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provided 24 generator sets in several locations affected by the power failure and power supply was restored in stages by 7.15pm and 7.40pm.

Among the affected areas were the JBCC Tower, Bangunan Sultan Iskandar where the Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Complex is located, Central Police Station, JB Sentral, Hospital Sultan Aminah, Taman Century and Jalan Yahya Awal, involving 10,000 TNB account holders.

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