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SHAH ALAM: Complaints over electricity supply disruptions led to the discovery of illegal Bitcoin mining activities at several premises in Bukit Beruntung, Hulu Selangor, yesterday.

The Hulu Selangor Municipal Council (MPHS) said an operation was carried out following the complaints, believed to be caused by excessive and uncontrolled electricity consumption at certain premises.

It said the operation, led by MPHS president Julaihah Jamaludin, was conducted in collaboration with Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB).

“The operation found that five commercial premises were engaged in Bitcoin mining activities without approval or licences.

“Such activities are not permitted if carried out without the approval of the authorities and involve uncontrolled use of electricity supply.

“This not only causes electricity disruptions to nearby residents, but also poses risks of damage to electrical infrastructure, increased danger of short circuits and fires, and threatens the safety and well-being of the local community,” it said yesterday.

MPHS said the equipment found at the premises have been seized.

MPHS also advised all premises owners to ensure that their properties were monitored and not used for illegal activities.