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KOTA KINABALU: The investigation into the actual cause of the fire that destroyed nearly RM40 million worth of electrical cable roles at the Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd's (SESB) main store in Menggatal, near here, on April 4 is still ongoing.



SESB Chairman Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau (**pic**) said there were no new leads and any new information pertaining to the probe would be made public.

"The investigation is still ongoing, (so there) are no results yet. (But) it will be announced, and this announcement will be determined by the Fire and Rescue Department (Bomba)," he told reporters at the SESB Majlis Mesra Raya Kaamatan at SICC, here, Friday.

He added that the SESB special forensic task force that was established to investigate the cause would work closely with Bomba.

On April 4, a cable storage owned by SESB at Batu 7, Jalan Tuaran, caught fire at 12.50pm.

Sixty-four firefighters from Kota Kinabalu, Lintas and Penampang were deployed to the scene and the fire was brought under control by 5.06pm.

Preliminary findings showed the fire involved three acres of a 3.7-acre plot

along with the destruction of an empty house, but no injuries were reported.

Meanwhile, Tangau said organising events during festive season is vital not just to boost the harmonious living of Sabahans but also to enhance understanding between parties and industries that are collaborating with SESB as well as the State Government.

He said with better understanding among all parties involved, it would create a "healthy atmosphere" that would help ensure success of projects or works implementation aimed at benefiting Sabahans.

Tangau also urged Sabahans to download and use the mySESB application as there are still Sabahans who have yet to do so, leaving them out from the efficiency of dealing with SESB.

"We are in the midst of promoting our application (mySESB). Although it was introduced about a year now, there are now only some 100,000 users out of (the recorded) 700,000 consumers.

"This application is important as it will ease the process for consumers in terms of making online bill payment or lodging a complaint.

"There would usually be a queue for consumers to make a complaint, but they will not have to experience this if they were to make it through the application," he added.