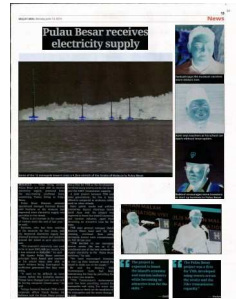


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# Pulau Besar receives electricity supply

**MALACCA** — Folks living around Pulau Besar are now able to receive electricity supply, powered from the sea-crossing overhead lines, connecting Pantai Siring to Pulau Besar.

Pulau Besar Museum assistant operational manager Fanizam Khalid said business at the museum had improved since electricity supply was provided to the island.

“There is an increase in the number of visitors since the end of last year,” he said.

Fanizam, who has been working at the museum for four years, said the improved electricity supply had allowed business owners and residents around the island to save electricity cost.

“The museum’s electricity cost used to be at least RM3,000 per month, but it has reduced to RM1,000,” he said.

SM Agama Pulau Besar assistant principal Azmi Ismail said teachers at his school were now able to teach without being interrupted by inefficient generators that they were using.

“It used to be difficult to have classes before this initiative started. Things have changed now and we will be having computer classes soon,” he said.

Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) chief corporate officer Datuk Roslan Ab Rahman said the Pulau Besar project was a first for TNB as the development involved using towers across the straits and the 33kV transmission capacity.

A joint project between TNB and state government, the line is more effective compared to undersea cables used on other islands.

State public works and utilities committee deputy chairman Datuk Zaidi Atan said the project was expected to boost the island’s economy and tourism industry, apart from becoming an attractive icon for the state.

TNB state general manager Datuk Baderul Sham Saad said the sea-crossing overhead lines using monopole towers were commissioned on Feb 28 last year

“TNB decided to use monopole towers across the sea as it is considered one of the best methods to supply electricity to the Pulau Besar residents,” he said.

“We have encouraged investors to start up their business around the island to make use of the supply.”

He said the Malacca TNB Transmission team had been maintaining the lines by patrolling the

sea every two months.

“TNB Transmission’s maintenance team has been patrolling around the monopoles and using live tower top inspection to check on the condition of the monopoles and the tower fittings,” he said.

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**Fanizam says the museum receives more visitors now.**



**Azmi says teachers at his school can teach without interruption.**



**Baderul encourages more investors to start up business in Pulau Besar.**

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