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**PETALING JAYA:** A power cable thief was killed after suffering severe burns to his body when he was electrocuted at a substation in Batu Tiga, Shah Alam on Monday.

Subang Jaya police chief ACP Abd Khalid Othman said yesterday the 46-year-old suspect suffered 60% burns to his body.

The incident happened while the suspect was attempting to steal power cables from a substation at a factory that was shut.

He said investigations showed that a Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) engineer at the Bangsar TNB control centre had received information of a power failure at a substation at about 2.45pm, and despatched a team of technicians to check it. Abd Khalid said upon arriving at the scene, the team found the suspect alive but he was severely injured.

He said the technicians also found part of the fuses and cables at the substation damaged. Abd Khalid said the damage was estimated at RM60,000.

He said the suspect was sent to the Shah Alam Hospital for treatment but succumbed to his injuries six hours later.

"Initial investigations showed that the suspect had cut the fence of the factory that was closed to steal the TNB cables but was electrocuted during the attempt. Checks showed that the man had one criminal record for property theft and seven others for drug-related offences," he added.

Videos and photos of the badly-burnt suspect taken by bystanders were shared on social media yesterday.

In one footage, the man was seen to be leaning against a gate, saying he suffered from asthma. – by **Charles Ramendran**