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**KOTA KINABALU:** Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) said it has lost about RM200 million per year as a result of electricity theft.

Its chairman Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau said SESB lost 17% of its power supply grid, of which 10% was "system lost", while 7% was "non-system lost" or theft.

He said from a financial perspective, 1% of electricity loss resulted in SESB incurring losses of RM30 million per year. Non-system lost or theft caused SESB to suffer losses of RM210 million per year.

"This amount (RM210 million per year) represents 25% of the total losses suffered by SESB. The amount is also adequate to help reduce SESB's dependency on government subsidies, which is about RM850 million per year.

"SESB is a victim of electricity thieves, which is why we take serious measures to combat power theft," he said in a statement yesterday.

Madius said during a courtesy call on Sabah Police Commissioner Datuk Jauteh Dikun at the Sabah Police Contingent headquarters here yesterday, they had agreed to strengthen their cooperation in combating electricity theft in the state. – Bernama