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Low-cost flat folk query JMB over bills unpaid since 2022 as electricity cut looms

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POLICE have received 17 reports from residents of the Bandar Tasik Selatan 1 low-cost apartment against its management over outstanding electricity bills amounting to RM2 million.

Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department director Datuk Seri Ramli Mohamed Yoosuf said the residents were dissatisfied with the Joint Management Body (JMB).

He said the first complaint was from a 35-year-old resident who discovered last Thursday a notice by Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) on impending electricity cuts in all five blocks with nearly RM2 million in outstanding payment.

"The complainant claimed that no payments had been made since Jan 31, 2022, despite residents paying a monthly main-

tenance fee of RM50 for each apartment unit to the JMB.

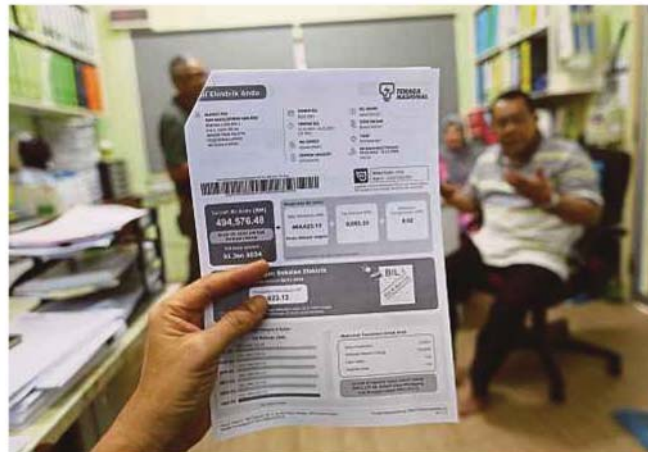
"Due to the outstanding bills, the complainant suspects financial misconduct by the JMB chairman and lodged a police report," he told *Berita Harian* on Sunday.

Previously, the JMB reportedly said they would engage in discussions with TNB to address the distress caused by the impending power cut notice affecting residents.

A JMB representative had also revealed plans to submit an appeal to TNB, seeking a deferment of the scheduled power cut on Jan 17. In response, TNB demanded payment from the property developer to settle the arrears.

He said negotiations between TNB, the developer and JMB took place before the notice was issued.

TNB insisted that the developer settle at least 10 per cent (RM200,000) of the total arrears.



A Bandar Tasik Selatan 1 low-cost apartment Joint Management Body officer showing the apartment's outstanding electricity bill in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. Tenaga Nasional Bhd has issued a notice about an impending power cut in all five blocks. PIC BY SAIFULLIZAN TAMADI

However, the representative said the JMB lacked the necessary funds, leading to the issuance of the power cut notice.

Ramli said the complainant and several other residents had lodged a complaint with the Commissioner of Buildings

(COB) since July 2022, but "follow-up actions were still in process" until now.

He added that on top of the 17 reports from the residents, one report was lodged by the JMB chairman over the allegations made against the latter.

"The case is being classified as Refer Other Agency (ROA) under COB as it is under the COB's jurisdiction.

"It involves offences related to management corporations under Section 140 of the Strata Management Act 2013."