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Hypermall denies alleged bribery attempt to get power restored

KOTA KINABALU: Owners and tenants at 1Borneo Hypermall have denied allegation of an attempt to bribe the top management of Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) in order to restore power supply at the mall.

Song Chii Peng, a representative of the owners and tenants, said he is in the 'dark' about SESB's allegation.

"There is no such thing. How are we supposed to bribe when it involves such a huge amount (of arrears)?" he remarked.

He added that it was not possible for anyone to offer bribes to SESB given the power utility company's firm stand to get the mall to repay the outstanding electricity bill.

If SESB claimed that an attempt to bribe a SESB officer was made, Song said he would leave it to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to investigate the matter.

SESB has lodged a report with MACC over an alleged attempt at bribery involving the mall's outstanding bill of more than RM8.7 million.

The utility company claimed that the incident occurred on Friday morning at Wisma SESB, where an attempt was made to bribe a SESB officer to restore the electricity supply at 1Borneo Hypermall.