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**KOTA KINABALU:** The National Consumer Foundation Malaysia (Sabah Chapter) views the recent statewide power blackout with great concern and calls on the public not to politicize the incident.

Its chairman, David Chan, said the blackout was caused by a landslide triggered by unusually heavy rainfall, which led to the collapse of a 275kV transmission tower – a rare and unprecedented natural disaster that severely disrupted Sabah's main power transmission system.

Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SE) immediately mobilized its technical teams to carry out repair and rescue operations as soon as the incident was reported. It is working around the clock and has targeted to restore power supply progressively within 48 hours. "We commend the commitment and tireless efforts of the SE technical teams working under challenging weather and terrain conditions to restore electricity as soon as possible. "The public should be patient and allow the technical teams sufficient time to complete repair works safely. Avoid spreading unverified information that could cause unnecessary panic. Refrain from politicizing this incident, as it was caused by forces of nature beyond anyone's control," said Chan.