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**KOTA KINABALU:** Contractors are reminded again to contact Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) before carrying out wiring works after a second electrocution incident.

On Jan 14, a 19-year-old man was killed while installing a telecommunications system near an electrical pole in Membakut.

SESB chief operating officer Mohd Yusmanizam Mohd Yusof said the utility company was concerned about frequent electrocution incidents.

Offering condolences to the

victim's family, he said a similar case occurred early last year when two contract workers were fatally electrocuted while installing fibre-optic cables for a telecommunications company in Kota Marudu district.

"All parties, especially contractors planning to conduct such tasks, have to be careful and contact the nearest SESB office to inform us and get our permission.

"This is to allow us to cut off the power supply there if needed. This should be taken seriously to give utmost priority

to safety – we do not want to see incidents that jeopardise a person's safety and damage assets.

"We will also contact the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) and related departments to ensure the appropriate measures are taken by contractors and workers carrying out telecommunications installations," Yusmanizam said in a statement on Friday.

He added SESB also plans to hold safety briefings for the relevant parties.