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TNB makes early preparations for smooth GE14

TENAGA Nasional Bhd (TNB) has made early preparations to ensure no power supply disruption at nomination, polling and vote counting centres during the 14th General Election (GE14).

Its chief corporate officer Datuk Roslan Ab Rahman said the preparations were made since November last year.

TNB, he said, had also held several series of meetings with the Election Commission (EC) and the Public Works Department (PWD) in the states to get feedback on the power needs for GE14.

"Following the meetings, we have taken the necessary measures. *InshaAllah* (God willing) everything will be under control. Operations rooms have also been set up in all states.

"As an additional measure, TNB technical staff will be placed on stand-by to ensure smooth power supply during the GE14 process," he said in a statement yesterday.

The EC has fixed May 9 for polling, while nomination is on April 28 and early voting on May 5.

Meanwhile, another *Bernama* report stated that TNB will supply additional power generators to vote counting centres in Perak to ensure GE14 goes smoothly.

Perak's TNB Distribution Division GM (customer service) Datuk Raja Abd Jalil Raja Zaid said he had talked



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TNB technical staff will be placed on stand-by to ensure smooth power supply during the GE14 process, Roslan says

with the state EC to ensure that the centres will not face electricity supply problems.

He said the EC had stipulated that a counting centre must be supplied with an additional power generator to avoid a power supply disruption when votes are being counted.

"Besides such places, we will also work together with municipal and district councils so that the centres are

in good shape during elections," he told a media conference after a thanksgiving ceremony for a Baiti Jannati project in Kampung Sungai Sempoi, Ijok, yesterday.

The ceremony was officiated by Kubu Gajah state assemblyman Ahmad Hasbullah Alias, representing Public Utilities, Infrastructure, Energy and Water Committee chairman Datuk Zainol Fadzi Paharudin.

The project involves the construction of two houses worth RM50,000 each for rubber tapper Zamzami Sudin, 55, and housewife Azlina Md Kassim, 37.

Meanwhile, Raja Abd Jalil said that since 2008 until last year, TNB has built 60 houses costing RM2.28 million and it would build 14 houses at a cost of RM700,000 this year.

Asked on the home wiring programme for houses which posed risks of fire, Raja Abd Jalil said that TNB would conduct inspections, especially on the houses of tithe recipients which were over 10 years old, before carrying out wiring works costing RM2,000 per house.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Hasbullah said the Baiti Jannati programme proved that the government paid attention to the homes of the tithe recipients and the poor which needed to be repaired and rebuilt.

"I am grateful that TNB is implementing its corporate social responsibility by building new homes for those in need to ease their burden," he said.

Meanwhile, Zamzami said he was grateful when TNB gave a new home to him to replace the old house that was dilapidated.

"This TNB's assistance allows me, my wife and four children to live in comfort in this new home. The floor of the old home was rotting and the roof leaked," he said. — *Bernama*