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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah's electricity generation reserve margin has stabilised at a comfortable 21 per cent, effectively easing concerns of power rationing that previously plagued the state.

Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Datuk Mohd Yaakob Jaafar said the current reserve buffer stood at around 200 Megawatts (MW), a significant improvement from

the critical less than 10 per cent reserve margin recorded in the past year.

He explained that the current system generation capacity, including solar power, stands between 1,400 MW and 1,500 MW, which is sufficient to meet the current demand, with 1,232 MW electricity usage recorded on Monday.

"We have also optimised our generation costs by reducing

reliance on expensive diesel power plants in the East Coast.

"We are now transferring cheaper gas-generated energy from the West Coast to ensure better cost management," he told a press conference after officiating the soft launch of MySE+ app here on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, addressing the recent spike in consumers' electricity bills, Mohd Yaakob attributed the estimated 15 to 20

per cent increase over the past two months due to the ongoing extreme heatwave.

He said electricity consumption in the state has hit a new maximum demand record, surging from 1,226 MW the previous week to a new peak of 1,232 MW on Monday.

"The increase in bills is driven directly by higher domestic consumption due to the hot

weather. We understand consumers' concerns, which is why we encourage them to use our newly launched MySE+ mobile app," he said.

He added that the app allows customers to actively monitor their daily usage blocks, empowering them to better manage and control their electricity consumption during this period.
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