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GEORGE TOWN: The high voltage cable that caught fire at Km3.2 of the Penang Bridge on Feb 22 is expected to be fully repaired and back in operation by Friday.

Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) chief grid officer Datuk Husaini Husin said TNB's quick and continuous commitment, with the cooperation of the Malaysian Highway Authority and PLUS Malaysia Bhd, has enabled the progress of repair works to be ahead of schedule, Bernama reported.

He said the task, which started on March 4, involved the replacement of three high voltage cables from the Bukit Tengah main intake substation to Bayan Mutiara, about 1km in length.

"Throughout the repair period, traffic flow at the Penang Bridge has not been disrupted as TNB conducted repairs via the sea route," he said in a statement.

Husaini added TNB is using boats and barges to transport equipment and spare parts, and is carrying out cable-laying work with a barge.

"TNB's priority is to repair the damaged cable so that our customers in Penang can continue to receive stable and reliable electricity supply."