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Tariff cuts result of govt efforts that align with National Energy Transition Roadmap

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THE recently announced reduction in base electricity tariffs is a result of the government's reform efforts, said Communications Minister Datuk Fahmi Fadzil.

He said key reforms implemented since the December 2024 announcement on the Fourth Regulatory Period, which spans 2025 to 2027, had enabled a 19 per cent reduction in the initially projected base tariff.

"Eighty-five per cent of electricity users, or Tenaga Nasional

Bhd (TNB) account holders, will continue to pay the same tariff starting July 1.

"Some may even see lower monthly bills, provided their electricity consumption stays at or below 1,000 kilowatts.

"This shows that with a strong will to reform, the benefits can still be enjoyed by the people," he said after attending the Kita Madani Carnival at IWK Eco Park here.

He added that the latest measures included the introduction of the time-of-use scheme.

This scheme was streamlined and expanded to offer longer off-peak periods, including Saturdays and Sundays, as well as from



Communications Minister Datuk Fahmi Fadzil (centre) attending the Kita Madani Carnival at IWK Eco Park in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. NSTP PIC BY ROHANIS SHUKRI

10pm to 2pm on weekdays.

"This encourages consumers to shift their usage of high-energy appliances, such as washing machines, to off-peak hours.

"This is a major reform aligned with the National Energy Transition Roadmap, which aims to increase renewable energy usage and reduce carbon emissions by 2050."

He said these reforms were part of the government's broader strategy led by the Energy Transition Ministry, Energy Commission and TNB.

On another matter, Fahmi said the newly established Malaysian Media Council should serve as a key platform to address issues

concerning journalistic ethics.

He said such issues could include cases involving misinformation or false reporting.

Referring to a recent infographic falsely claiming that the newly appointed Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Mohd Khalid Ismail was a member of PKR, Fahmi said such disinformation was deeply concerning.

"I was quite shocked by the infographic. It was completely untrue.

"I have never seen Khalid involved in any PKR meeting, convention or congress. This is slander of the worst kind."

Fahmi said although the structure of the media council was still being finalised, it remained the

most appropriate platform to manage issues like this.

Meanwhile, Bernama reported that police have confirmed that Khalid has never been a member of any political party.

Police Secretary Datuk Kamaruzaman Abdullah said the force takes seriously the erroneous report.

"The statement is untrue, misleading and creates a false perception, thereby casting doubt on the credibility of the country's security forces.

"Police also strongly rebuke the media outlet's negligence in publishing unverified information, which has tarnished the reputation of both the force and the individual concerned."