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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SE) is fully prepared to ensure smooth electricity supply during the upcoming 17th Sabah State Election.

Its chairman, Saadiah Aziz, said that the company has been making thorough preparations since several months ago, including the provision of portable generator sets (gensets) at all critical locations to face any possibility of supply disruptions.

"We have specific gensets for each area to ensure an adequate electricity supply throughout the campaign period and the election process.

"Gensets are provided in every main area, including candidate nomination centres, early voting

locations, polling day locations, and vote tallying centres," she said when met by the media during the Sabah Electricity Vendor Day 2025 and the memorandum of understanding signing ceremony between the Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives and SE, on Thursday.

Meanwhile, SE Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Ir. Ts. Mohd Yaakob Jaafar, informed that besides providing gensets at 25 candidate nomination and vote tallying centres, SE is also collaborating with local authorities to conduct early checks on the wiring systems in the halls that will be used.

"In addition, we will also

provide emergency lights as a support measure in case of a supply disruption.

"Nearly 800 SE staff members will be involved throughout the 17th Sabah State Election, and this time, SE staff have been allowed to vote early to enable them to focus fully on their duties on polling day.

"We are confident that after handling several general and state elections, we (SE) are more prepared this time," he said.

In the meantime, he informed that the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Lahad Datu began operations on June 12 and will be officially launched this December.



Yaakob (third from left), Saadiah (fourth from left) and Ewon (fourth from right) during the memorandum of understanding signing ceremony between the Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives and Sabah Electricity.