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KOTA KINABALU: Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) president Datuk Chin Su Phin has urged the federal government to look into the electricity supply crisis in Sabah.

He said despite Putrajaya's pledge to increase power generation capacity by 100MW, this was far from enough to meet the state's energy needs.

"Sabah requires at least 2,000MW of electricity to not only meet current demands but also support future development," he said in a statement yesterday.

He was commenting on Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof's announcement on Monday on plans for the construction of two 100MW power plants which will be completed in 2026 and 2027, and a large-scale solar power plant.

Chin said these initiatives, while promoted as key solutions to Sabah's power problems, fail to address the fundamental energy crisis in the state.

"Sabah is currently facing frequent power outages, outdated infrastructure, and insufficient energy reserves. According to the Energy Commission of Sabah, the goal is to achieve a 30 per cent reserve capacity by 2030.

"However, relying solely on the addition of 100MW of power generation capacity will not enable Sabah to achieve true energy security."

He added that Sabah's energy demand is growing rapidly, driven by population growth, industrialisation and urbanisation.

"Key economic sectors such as tourism, agriculture and manufacturing depend on stable power supply.

"If the power generation capacity is not significantly increased, Sabah risks losing investment and facing stagnated development," said Chin.

He said a 2,000MW power generation capacity would

ensure stable power supply, reduce power outages, and boost investor confidence.

In addition, he said it would promote economic growth, attract industrial investment, create job opportunities and increase the state's gross domestic product.

"Sabah's enhanced energy supply also allows it to better cope with sudden demand and supply disruptions, while supporting the development of renewable energy, providing sufficient buffer, and accelerating solar, wind, and other sustainable energy projects."

Chin stressed that the upcoming state election will be a crucial moment for the people of Sabah to fight for their rights.

He said if local political parties could secure an overwhelming victory in the election, the state would have more leverage to engage in meaningful negotiations with the federal government.