



## PRESS STATEMENT

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### TNB'S EARLY PREPARATION FOR STABLE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AT VACCINE STORAGE CENTRES

**Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB)** has made early preparation to ensure electricity supply at vaccine storage centres and COVID-19 vaccination centres nationwide remains stable throughout the implementation of the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme, said its Chief Distribution Network Officer Datuk Ir. Baharin Din.

Malaysia will receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine starting this February 21st, followed by the first phase of the immunisation programme on February 26th. A stable electricity supply is needed as the vaccine has to be stored at -70 degree Celsius.

"Discussions with the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) were and are continued being held to identify KKM's needs, especially those involving efforts to avoid supply disruptions at vaccine storage," said Baharin.

He said, TNB will ensure the main and alternative electricity supply system operate properly at all storage and vaccination centres.

"TNB is also drafting a contingency plan for rapid recovery of supply at several substations identified, through the installation of remote automation supply system including Normal Off Point (NOP), Automated Transfer Scheme (ATS), and Remote Terminal Unit (RTU).

"To avoid system failures, condition-based maintenance (CBM) work on substations and electricity connectors to vaccine storage centres has been carried out.

"TNB also conducts engagement sessions with hospitals and health clinics to ensure that their gensets are functional and ready to operate if needed," added Baharin.

In addition, TNB's technical team will be on standby and mobile gensets will be placed at strategic locations to ensure swift action can be taken in the event of any supply disruption at vaccine storage centres.

TNB has also provided two special communication channels (special lines) to the vaccine storage centre to enable fast communication with TNB in the event of a disruption.

In the meantime, Baharin requested the cooperation of contractors who carried out digging work near TNB underground cable to contact TNB before commencing to avoid damage to the cable, thus causing supply disruption, especially in vaccine storage centres.

If the public is aware of any irregularities on the TNB installation or would like to report a supply outage, please call TNB CareLine 15454.

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