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## Fulfilling people's aspirations

FREQUENT power disruptions in Sandakan have become a thing of the past with the completion of the RM243 million Libaran power station.

Power generated by the new plant is supplied to industrial and private consumers in the district through the Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd substations at Tshun Nyen and Seguntor.

Owned by Stratavest Sdn Bhd, the plant - the first in Malaysia to use low-speed diesel engines - will be able to satisfy the demands of between 75,000 and 100,000 homes.

Stratavest executive chairman Datuk Abdul Rahim Mohamad said the 60-megawatts plant was constructed under the Independent Power Producer concept.

He said the official opening of the plant by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday marked a major achievement for the company as it was completed four months ahead of schedule, despite the economic slowdown.

Abdul Rahim said the plant, which started operations in December last year, was given the licence to operate for the next 21 years.

Sabah Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said the construction of the plant was proof of the Government's commitment to fulfil the aspirations of the people in Sandakan who had long wanted reliable power supply.

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