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FIRST DELIVERY OF CRUDE PALM OIL FUEL TO TNB ON MAY 12

MUADZAM SHAH, April 1 (Bernama) -- The national power company, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) will receive its first delivery of 1,000 tonnes of crude palm oil for fuel on May 12, said its chairman Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis today.

The crude palm oil from the Primary Industries Ministry would be delivered to the TNB power station in Prai, Penang, he said at a news conference here on the official opening of the Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) Muadzam Shah branch campus on May 11.

The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the branch campus through video conferencing from Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Jamaluddin, who is also the Member of Parliament for Rompin, said the use of crude palm oil as fuel by TNB was not to reduce operational cost but as a social obligation.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had on March 8 said that the government would encourage industries and TNB power stations to use crude palm oil as alternative fuel to deplete the country's palm oil stock of 400,000 tonnes. It also served as an immediate measure to overcome the plummeting prices of palm oil that had adversely affected the income of smallholders.

On the Uniten branch campus, he said the first intake of 300 students would be carried out in June for courses in management and accountancy with the campus population expected to swell to 3,000 students within five years.

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