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Report on investigation into blackout ready

BACHOK, Fri. - The investigation into the five-state blackout on Sept 1 has been completed and the report is being examined by an independent board of directors appointed by Tenaga Nasional Bhd.

Tenaga Nasional chairman Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin said the full report was expected to be handed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahatir Mohamad next week after the board of directors had completed its study.

He said copies of the report would also be handed to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Energy, Communication and Multimedia Minister Datuk Amar Leo Moggie.

"It is in the final stages and it is just waiting for the full report by the board of directors before being submitted to Dr Mahathir, Abdullah and Leo Moggie," he said after launching the State-level Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) Prihatin programme at Sekolah Kebangsaan Pak Badol, here today.

Present were BSN chairman Datuk Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi, State Education director Datuk Shafii Ismail and BSN general manager Abu Hurairah Abu Yazid.

A blackout hit five northern states besides affecting power supply to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport after part of the national grid tripped between Bukit Beruntung, Selangor and Batu Gajah, Perak.

It led to disruption in supply of between two and four hours in Kelantan, Penang, Perak, Kedah and Perlis.

Awang Adek said Tenaga Nasional would not hide any information about the incident from the people and was ready to announce the result of the investigation after the report had been given to the Government.

"I cannot announce (the details of the investigation) to the people now. We will make an official statement after the report has been handed to the authorities," he said.