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The cases are being

investigated under Section 37(1) and 37(3) of the Power Supply Act 1990, which provides for a fine of up to RM1 million or five years imprisonment, or both, upon conviction.

Shafei reminded the public to avoid tampering with the electric meter, doing illegal adjustments or bypassing the meter.

"This illegal practice is not only against the law but poses a risk to consumers," he told a press conference at the SESB building here yesterday.

Shafei also disclosed that 1,389 premises in all major towns in Sabah and Labuan were inspected this year.

Of the number, 389 cases of electricity theft were recorded, incurring losses amounting to RM2,560,992.23 for the power provider.

The Energy Commission recorded a loss of nearly RM1.3 million in Labuan and RM6.4 million in Sabah from electricity theft, from 2017 to September 12, 2019.



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