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## Sabah CM: No repeat to blackout

**KOTA KINABALU:** The Sabah government does not want a repeat of the state-wide power blackout, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman said.

He said officials of utility firm Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd should not only brief the state Cabinet about the causes of the massive 12-hour outage that hit some 500,000 consumers in the state and Labuan on Friday.

"We also want them to tell what measures are they taking to ensure this incident does not recur in the future," he said after the Maulidur Rasul gathering in the east coast Sandakan district.

He said various groups should stop speculating on the causes of the blackout that occurred at about 11.05am on Friday with power being fully restored by about 10pm.

SESB officials said the power supply disruption occurred after simultaneous tripping along its east-west transmission grid.

Company managing director Abdul Razak Salim described the massive power supply failure as "unexpected" as its state-wide power grid was designed to prevent simultaneous tripping.

SESB senior general manager (asset management) Muhamad

Nazri Pazil said a special investigating team comprising top company engineers and their Energy Commission counterparts would be probing the causes behind the blackout.

He said the full report of the probe would be handed over to Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry, the Sabah Cabinet, Tenaga Nasional and the commission.