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**BACHOK**

## Cable thefts on the rise

MEMBERS of the public who witness suspicious characters around TNB substations have been urged to contact the energy provider or the police immediately to help curb the increasing number of cable thefts.

Bachok TNB manager Ismail Hamzah said the number of thefts started increasing right after the general election.

He said the syndicate involved had been stealing TNB copper cables in villages. Previously, the group targetted copper cables belonging to Telekom Malaysia.

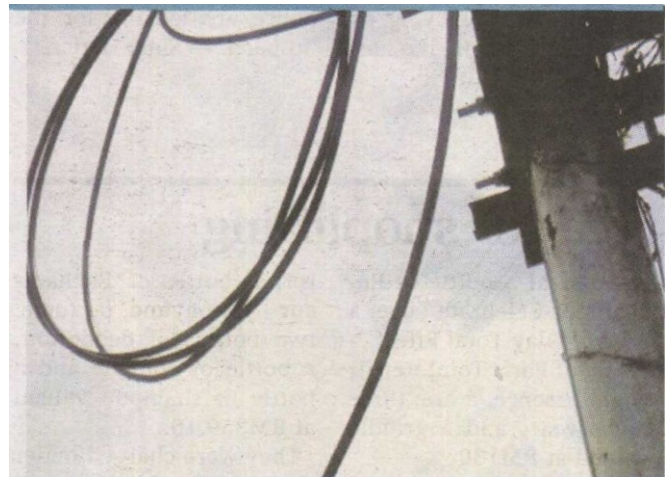
"Their activities are very wor-

rying. Bachok is among the areas which the syndicate is active in, after Pasir Mas and Tumpat," said Ismail.

"Before the general election, the syndicate was active in Pulau Belanga, Tawang, Tanjung Takang and surrounding areas. However, of late, they seem to have shifted their activities to Mahligai, Pak Badol and Jelawat."

As a result of the thefts, he said the voltage being generated to consumers had become unstable, and in turn, damaged electrical appliances.

"We cannot be held liable for all damages caused as a result of these thefts. We need



**CURRENT TARGET:** The syndicate has been focusing on TNB substation cables of late

the public's help to tip us off," he said.

The thefts caused TNB huge

losses and also took a long time to replace and repair.

— Sinar Harian