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3 More Cases of Electricity Theft Prosecuted in Court by ECoS

SANDAKAN, 12 December - The Energy Commission of Sabah (ECoS) will not compromise with individuals or companies that violate the laws provided under the Electricity Supply Enactment 2024.

"All rampant electricity theft activities in Sabah have resulted in severe losses to Sabah Electricity (SE)," said ECoS Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Ir. Abdul Nasser Abdul Wahid, adding that SE will also initiate civil lawsuits to claim losses starting early 2025.

In a prosecution session led by ECoS prosecuting officer, Nureen Natasha Raffie, on 9 December at the Sandakan Sessions Court, individual Cheen Hai Hok pleaded guilty to three separate cases causing losses to Sabah Electricity (SE) amounting to more than RM180,089.24, and the court judge imposed a fine of RM20,000, with six months imprisonment if the fine is not paid for each case.

Individuals or companies found guilty of electricity theft can be prosecuted under Section 61(3)(e) of the Electricity Supply Enactment 2024, which can result in a fine of not less than RM20,000 and not more than RM1 million or imprisonment for up to five years, or both, if convicted.

"ECoS will continue the prosecution process to protect public safety and interests while enhancing the reliability of electricity services. To date, ECoS has prosecuted eleven cases of electricity theft, and several more cases discovered this year will face prosecution early next year," said Mohd Adam Bohari, ECoS Director of Legal Affairs.

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About ECoS

The Energy Commission of Sabah (ECoS) is a statutory body established by the State Government of Sabah since 10th January 2023. It operates as the regulator for the energy sector within the Chief Minister's portfolio. The primary objectives of ECoS are to ensure secure, sustainable, affordable, and accessible energy for the State of Sabah. ECoS plays a pivotal role in shaping Sabah's energy landscape, promoting responsible energy practices, and safeguarding the interests of both consumers and the environment.