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The transformer which caught fire.

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) said it has been informed that a small fire occurred Thursday night at one of the Independent Power Plants (IPP) in Sepanggar.

The incident occurred around 8pm and involved a number of electric generator sets owned by the IPI station concerned.

According to SESB Senior General Manager (Asset Management) Ahmad Fuad Md Kasim, electricity generation by 24MW (megawatts) from the IPP station is also affected temporarily until this damage is repaired.

Existing generating capacity is currently only about 900MW from nearly 1000mw in normal conditions.

However, the fire did not cause any disruption to surrounding consumers.

Meanwhile, a 1.5 square feet transformer located at the ARL Electricity Power Generator structure in Kg. Malawa, Sepanggar, owned by Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd, caught fire on Thursday night.

Six personnel from the Kota Kinabalu Fire and Rescue Department rushed to the scene following a distress call at about 8.03pm and arrived at the scene 30 minutes later.

The fire was put out with fire extinguishers and the operations ended at about 9.37pm. The cause of fire is still being investigated and losses were estimated to be RM50,000.