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TNB: Nenggiri dam a boon for Kelantan

KOTA BARU: The Nenggiri hydroelectric dam in Gua Musang, which is likely to begin operations in 2026, will supply 300MW of green energy to the national grid.

Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) president and chief executive officer Datuk Baharin Din said the RM5 billion project would not only support the government's goal to increase renewable energy production, but would also solve some problems in Kelantan.

He said besides reducing floods, the main reservoir could also supply clean water for irrigation and create new jobs and economic opportunities.

"TNB has done the preliminary work and studies to obtain approval for the project, such as the Mineral Potential Study, Public Acceptance Study, Environmental Impact Assessment, Social Impact Study, Heritage Impact Study and so on.

"Water will be released from the main reservoir into Sungai Nenggiri in a controlled manner and this will mitigate flooding downstream.

"Like other dams under TNB under the Cameron Highlands, Sungai Perak and Tasik Kenyir hydroelectric schemes, the Nenggiri dam will alleviate flooding by trapping large amounts of rain during the monsoon," he said yesterday.

Baharin said once completed, the dam would ensure a stable supply of electricity and drive the country's energy transition.

"This project supports TNB's sustainable energy aspiration to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 and is part of TNB's strong commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 35 per cent, in addition to a 50 per cent reduction in coal power generation by 2035.

"It thus supports the government's goal of raising green energy capacity to 40 per cent by 2035."

In the peninsula, 18 per cent of the power TNB generates comes from hydroelectricity (2,536MW), 0.6 per cent solar power (80MW), 48.2 per cent coal (6,800MW) and 33.3 per cent gas (4,702.43MW).

Baharin said the Orang Asli community affected by the project, especially in Pos Pulat, Pos Tohoi and Kampung Wias, would be relocated to a more comfortable place with better infrastructure.

"Through the Kelantan government, Land Office, Orang Asli Development Department and other agencies, they will receive an economic stimulus package to improve their socioeconomic status." **Bernama**