

Mayor wants stop-work on Taman Desa high-tension cables

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CITY Hall has called on Tenaga Nasional (TNB) to stop work on the installation of high-tension cables in Taman Bukit Desa off Jalan Klang Lama pending a decision.

KL mayor Datuk Ahmad Fuad Ismail made the call following his meeting with residents of the housing estate.

Residents who attended the meeting chaired by Ahmad Fuad appealed to TNB to install underground cables instead of overhead ones.

"We are pleased with the outcome of the meeting, especially as the Mayor has requested TNB to stop work pending a resolution on the matter," said Walter Chew, co-chairman of Taman Desa High-Tension Cable Action committee.

The meeting was held yesterday at City Hall headquarters where the residents were represented by three officials of the committee. Thirty other residents waited outside.

"We trust that TNB will comply with the mayor's request. We have also been

informed by TNB that the important stretch of the transmission line in Taman Desa will be installed underground, while the remaining section will be installed overhead," said Chew.

Residents affected by the overhead cables feel aggrieved by this unfair treatment.

"We trust that to be fair to all residents of Taman Desa and Taman Bukit Desa, TNB will do the right thing by installing underground cables for the entire area", he added.

Residents of Taman Desa, who have the support of Taman Desa Residents' Association that represents the 30,000 residents of Taman Desa and Taman Bukit Desa, had earlier suggested that TNB use other methods like underground cabling instead of the overhead high-tension cables.

TNB had a meeting with residents in early April, where residents were told that the high-tension cable towers would be carrying 275kV transmission lines, a 800 per cent increase in voltage from the existing 33kV lines.

UNDERGROUND OPTION:

Residents of Taman Desa protesting against TNB's power cable project last Monday

