

5 UNITS DAMAGED

VEHICLES BLOCK FIRE ENGINES

Fire Dept has to get a tow truck to remove them at Cheras flats

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VEHICLES parked along the road near the Sri Sabah flats in Cheras here prevented firefighters from putting out a blaze that destroyed five units on Sunday.

The team had to ask for a tow truck from City Hall to remove

the vehicles to give access to fire engines.

City Fire and Rescue Department director Nordi Pauzi said it received a distress call at 9.19pm, and managed to put out the fire that struck five out of six units on Block 70's 17th floor at 11.22pm.

No one was injured.

"Residents (unaffected by the fire) were allowed to return to their homes by 2am."

Nordin said residents would have no problem with the elec-



Fire engulfing units on the 17th floor of Block 70 at the Sri Sabah flats in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur, on Sunday night. BERNAMA PIC

tricity supply but would face water cuts.

He said residents affected by the blaze would be placed at a school near the flat.

"We are investigating the cause of the fire, but there's no sign of foul play."

Cheras police chief Assistant Commissioner Zam Halim Ja-

maludin, who was at the scene, said they were identifying the cause of the fire.

Nurul Adirah Mohd Roslan, 26, who lives on the seventh floor, said she was just outside her front door with her husband and mother-in-law when they heard an explosion that they thought was firecrackers or fireworks from the

upper floors.

"About 30 minutes later, the situation became chaotic and the fire department arrived. My family and I hurried down."

Resident Reduan Md Yusof, 45, said he and his wife were getting ready for bed when their neighbours' screams forced them to leave.