



The blaze at its height before 55 firefighters brought it under control. – *BERNAMA PIC*

## Fire destroys five flat units in Cheras

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A total of five units on the 17th floor of Block 70 of the Sri Sabah flats in Cheras were destroyed in a fire on Sunday night.

Fire and Rescue Department operations and rescue director Nordin Pauzi said a distress call was received at 9.19pm, adding that seven fire engines, including two aerial ladder platform engines and 55 firefighters from the Hang Tuah, Bandar Tun Razak, Sri Hartamas and Pudu stations were dispatched to the scene.

"The incident is believed to have started from house unit number three before spreading

to four nearby homes. However, there were no casualties and the cause and extent of the damage are still under investigation."

He said initially, the fire department faced some difficulties in controlling the fire as it occurred on the 17th floor of the block, which led to firefighters using aerial ladder platform vehicles due to low water pressure.

He said firefighters' swift action ensured the fire was brought under control at 11.22pm.

Nordin said 39 officers from agencies such as the Civil Defence Force and the Kuala Lumpur

City Hall also assisted in the operation, adding that residents were allowed to return home after the operation was completed.

Meanwhile, Cheras police chief ACP Zam Halim Jamaludin said initial investigations found no criminal elements in the incident.

"Further investigation will be conducted by the fire department and any developments will be made known."

Zam Halim said 50 police officers will also be stationed at the scene to monitor and ensure the situation remains under control. – *Bernama*