

INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION

GOVT TO ENSURE FIRE ALARMS AT FT FLATS ARE UP TO PAR

Inter-agency cooperation aims to improve fire safety after Sri Sabah blaze

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THE authorities are working towards ensuring the fire alarm systems and facilities at public flats in the federal territories are up to

par, following the recent fire at the Sri Sabah flats in Cheras.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa said inter-agency cooperation, specifically with the Housing and Local Government Ministry and Fire and Rescue Department, was aimed at improving fire safety following issues highlighted by the flat dwellers.

"I believe that (the cooperation with the ministry to inspect and improve the fire alarm system) is something we should do.

"There were also certain issues we heard last night (from resi-

dents) on the hose reel system.

"Hence, we will work together with the ministry and the Fire and Rescue Department (to address the issue)," she said after visiting victims at the SK Seri Cheras temporary relief centre here yesterday.

Present were Deputy Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad, Kuala Lumpur Mayor Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh and Bandar Tun Razak member of parliament Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

Zaliha said all 19 victims from

five families affected by the recent fire will be temporarily relocated to nearby flats.

She said the victims can move into the Sri Johor flat units provided by Kuala Lumpur City Hall on Thursday.

"We will allow them to stay in the transit houses for six months until they have their own homes, while those renting are allowed to occupy the units for three years," she said.

Zaliha said City Hall would carry out repair works on the damaged rented flats, while owners were responsible for their respec-

tive units.

She said an assistance of RM7,300 had been distributed to the five affected families.

It comprised cash aid of RM5,000 for each family from the Federal Territories Department, RM1,000 from City Hall, RM1,000 from the Bandar Tun Razak parliamentary office and RM300 from the Welfare Department, she said.

On Sunday night, a blaze struck five out of six houses at the Sri Sabah Flat's 17th floor.

No casualties or injuries were reported.



Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa talking to victims of the Sri Sabah Flat fire at the SK Seri Cheras temporary relief centre in Cheras yesterday. With her is Bandar Tun Razak member of parliament Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail. PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD