

# Flats residents affected by blaze relocated

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Sixteen individuals from five families affected by a recent fire at the Sri Sabah Flats will be relocated to transit homes at the Sri Johor Flats in Cheras.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa said the residents may stay at the transit homes for between six months and three years.

"Those who own a house can stay in the transit homes for six months, while renters are allowed to occupy the transit homes for three years," she told reporters after visiting the affected residents at a temporary evacuation centre at Sekolah Kebangsaan Seri Cheras yesterday.

Also present were Bandar Tun Razak MP Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and Women, Family and Community Development Deputy Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad.

A total of RM7,300 in cash donations and basic necessities were distributed to the five families.

The Federal Territories Department contributed RM5,000, City Hall presented RM1,000, the Bandar Tun Razak parliamentary service centre provided RM1,000 and RM300 was received from the Social Welfare Department.

On Sunday, five units on the 17th floor of Block 70 at the Sri Sabah Flats in Cheras were destroyed in a fire, that is believed to have been caused by electrical wiring issues.

Wan Azizah suggested the Fire and Rescue Department conduct public education programmes to enhance fire situation preparedness.

"Such education should include guidance on what to do in case of a fire, and which fire extinguisher the public can use to contain the fire as quickly as possible," she said.

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