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MPKB'S RM4 MILLION HALL GUTTED IN MORNING BLAZE

KOTA BAHARU, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- The RM4 million Kota Baharu Municipal Council's (MPKB) multipurpose hall in Jalan Mahmud here was badly damaged in a fire at 9am today.

Kelantan Fire and Rescue Department Director Zamri Ibrahim said 50 firemen in five fire trucks were rushed to the scene and they took about one hour to bring the blaze under control.

Zamri said the fire at the fully air-conditioned hall, located near the Sultan Mohamed Stadium here, was believed to have been caused by a short-circuit.

The hall, the venue of the Amanah Saham Didik's launch by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last April, was being used for a factory goods sales exposition which began last July 26.

A Bernama check at the scene found that most of the goods on display at the exposition was destroyed in the blaze. It was learnt that traders who participated in the exposition lost some RM1 million worth of goods in the fire.

Construction of the hall began in 1993 and it was fully operational three years later.

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