

Najib Conveys Condolences to Fire Victims in Tawau
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TAWAU, April 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak conveyed his condolences to victims of the fire, which occurred early Wednesday morning, at the squatter areas of Tanah Merah, Jalan Habib Abdul Rahman and Block 10 Kampung Titingan Darat.

The condolences were conveyed by his representative today, Datuk Shamsul Anuar Nasarah who is also chairman of the Umno Welfare Centre.

"The Prime Minister asked all the victims to calm down and accept the will of God Almighty," Shamsul said after inspecting the fire area and handing over food donations at Masjid Habib Abdul Rahman here today.

According to Shamsul, tonight he would discuss with Tawau Umno leader Datuk Tawfiq Abu Bakar Titingan on matters requiring immediate attention for the victims.

"We will try as soon as possible to provide assistance to students who are affected in order to prevent them from falling behind in their studies," said Shamsul, who is also Umno Supreme Council Member and Lenggeng Member of Parliament.

The fire destroyed 183 houses and affected 1,163 people comprising 222 families and 14 non-citizen families.

Besides homes, the fire also destroyed six vehicles.

Tomorrow, more corporate members and companies are expected to come forward to provide assistance for the victims which will be presented by Tawfiq who is also Sabah Youth and Sports Minister as well as Apas assemblyman.

About 300 squatter houses were estimated to have been destroyed by the fire believed to have started from a house at Kampung Titingan before it quickly spread to Kampung Tanah Merah located nearby.

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