30 Likas families made homeless in blaze

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KOTA KINABALU: About 150 people from 30 families were made homeless when 12 houses situated close to each other were destroyed in a fire at Kg Likas, Tuesday.

Three vehicles were also destroyed in the fire that started from one of the houses at 4.15pm. Abdul Mumin Bin Rasam, who works with the Public Service Commission (PSC) Sabah, received a call from his wife about the fire at about 4.30pm and immediately returned home.

His 52-year-old wife, Aisah, said she was inside a shop when she heard the commotion and that one of the houses was on fire and people were running to salvage their properties.

Immediately, she went back and tried to save some vital documents and belongings until she was almost burned.

Aisah said she was home alone when the fire occurred while her husband was at work and her daughter studying in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

Fire and Rescue Services Department public relations officer Mohd Affendy Ramin, who was at the scene said 21 firefighters and four fire engines from Lintas and Sembulan were rushed to the scene after receiving a distress call at 4.20pm.

He said the firefighters managed to control the fire by 5.13pm and that no casualties were reported. Also present at the scene were Karambunai assemblywoman Datuk Jainab Ahmad and Likas Assemblyman Datuk Liew Teck Chan.