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Taman Putra  
Harmoni tenant  
dismayed by  
extensive damage

SUBANG JAYA

**A**TENANT at Taman Putra Harmoni in Putra Heights, which was affected by the gas pipeline fire, said she would never stay in the area again.  
Accountant Diyana Abdul Rahim, 29, was left speechless when she entered her rented home, where she had lived for four years.

"I don't want to stay in this area anymore," she said at the Incident Control Post here yesterday after visiting her house.  
Diyana said according to the Fire and Rescue Department, the house was about 60 per cent damaged.  
Diyana, who was in her hometown of Ipoh, Perak, at the time of the incident, initially did not think that her house had been affected as the viral footage appeared to show the fire occurring further away.  
However, she later found out via a WhatsApp group that the rental house she shared with six others had not been spared.  
It was an unimaginable sight for Diyana's father, Abdul Rahim Rashid, 58, after witnessing the aftermath of the disaster in

Taman Putra Harmoni.  
"I could hardly believe what I saw. The cars had melted, the roof was gone and the grass had turned black.  
"You will never see something like this again. The destruction is severe," he said.  
"It's beyond comprehension. I cannot describe it."  
He said even the nearby shop lots, which were 99 per cent completed, now looked as if they had just been newly constructed.  
His daughter's rented home appeared to have suffered less damage, despite being located about 100m from the gas pipeline.  
A towering column of fire from a 500m Petronas gas pipeline explosion sent residents fleeing for safety on Tuesday.  
About 1,254 victims from 308

families were displaced, with 87 homes completely destroyed and many others severely damaged.  
Currently, 630 victims are at two temporary relief centres and 624 others have sought shelter with relatives or friends.  
Up until Thursday, 85 families had been given the green light to return after electricity and water supply were restored to their homes.  
Beginning at 10.20am yesterday, the victims were allowed to enter their homes in stages, accompanied by personnel from Subang Jaya City Council and Tenaga Nasional Bhd.  
They were escorted in a police truck and only two persons per household were allowed to enter after careful inspection by the police.



Diyana Abdul Rahim