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A hole in the roof and ceiling of Nor Azlina Ariffin's (inset) house in Putra Heights yesterday. PIC BY NOR AZLINA ARIFFIN

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**SUBANG JAYA:** What started as small holes in the roof have now expanded, allowing water to pour into her house like a waterfall when it rains.

Civil servant Nor Azlina Ariffin, 52, hoped authorities would provide help to prevent further damage to houses affected by the gas pipeline fire in Putra Heights, including her own, due to uncertain weather.

"We (victims) hope the government can also consider assisting us by at least providing tubs or coverings for our roofs.

"Some of our houses are a total loss, but a few are still habitable. However, due to heavy rain yesterday, the situation was made worse."

She said small holes in the roof of her house that were caused by the explosion and fire had become big, with water drenching the interior when it rained.

"Water is also seeping down the walls — flowing from upstairs all the way to the ground floor," she

said when met at the temporary relief centre here yesterday.

She added that she had returned to her house for a joint inspection with the Subang Jaya City Council, Tenaga Nasional Bhd and the Fire and Rescue Department on Friday. Her relatives also went to her house on April 2.

Azlina said she was worried about the electrical wiring as water seemed to be seeping through her ceiling light fixtures.

"We're also worried about the soil underneath the houses. That's probably why, as I understand it, our row of houses has not yet been declared safe," she said.

Although Azlina said she was kept informed on the latest developments, she hoped for better coordination of aid for victims, especially those not staying at temporary relief centres.

"We've been informed that we will receive assistance from the Kota Kemuning assemblyman's

office and were told to gather here at 1pm.

"We were also told that Berjaya (Corp Bhd) and another company are offering financial aid at the light rapid transit station.

"How are we expected to be in different places simultaneously — running here and there? There should be better coordination," she said.

Azlina expressed her appreciation to the government and other aid agencies, stating that they were doing a great job providing assistance to the victims.

Meanwhile, another victim who declined to be named, hoped the authorities would allow them to repair their homes as soon as possible.

"The first and most important critical issue is the roof.

"Cover the roof first. After that, we (victims) can handle everything else, like the internal damage, later. We are not planning to return to our homes immediately," he said.