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A TOTAL of 190 homes affected by the gas pipeline fire in Putra Heights, Subang Jaya, last Tuesday have been reoccupied after inspections confirmed they were safe.

Selangor police chief Datuk Hussein Omar Khan told Berna-



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ma that, up to yesterday, 487 affected homes had been inspected.

The inspections were carried out by 12 technical agencies, including Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB), Air Selangor, Occupational Safety and Health Department, Public Works Department, Sub-

ang Jaya City Council and the police.

"Of these, 328 homes were deemed safe for occupancy, and 190 homes have been reoccupied."

Hussein said TNB had also restored electricity to 306 homes.

A Bernama check at the scene found that the area also remains under tight security, with entry limited only to residents and authorised personnel.

In Subang Jaya, police have identified the person behind a viral post alleging a death linked to the fire.

Hussein said this followed a report they received from the district health office.

"We are investigating under Section 500 of the Penal Code for defamation and Section 233 of the Communications and Multi-



Civil Defence Department personnel helping to remove items from homes deemed unsafe in Kampung Tengah, Putra Heights, on Wednesday. PIC COURTESY OF CIVIL DEFENCE FORCE

media Act 1998 for improper use of network facilities," he said at the command post here.

Previously, the Health Ministry lodged a report over comments on social media alleging that a death had occurred.

According to a statement by the ministry, the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission had also been informed of the matter. The ministry said that no reports of death had been received from any public or private healthcare facilities regarding the incident.

Meanwhile, Hussein said up to yesterday, police had received 755 reports, mostly from victims, detailing damage to their homes and vehicles, as well as injuries they had suffered.

Regarding the probe into the incident, Hussein said police had also recorded 172 statements from witnesses.

On April 1, a fire broke out at a Petronas gas pipeline, causing widespread panic as flames shot into the air.

The flames ignited fires in several nearby houses.