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In addition to the initial aid from YPS, the institutions involved also provided further assistance based on the respective students' needs.

It said Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir also visited the students' families on Monday to assess their current condition and needs after they lost their homes and belongings in the fire.

"This disaster has not only caused the loss of property but also deeply impacted the students and their families emotionally. Our presence is to ensure they do not feel alone while going through this difficult time.

"The ministry's priority is to ensure their welfare and studies continue to be safeguarded. The hardships faced should not be a barrier for them to continue their studies and build a future," Zambry said in the statement.

He also requested the institutions involved to monitor the condition of each student and provide follow-up assistance, including accommodation, learning necessities, financial support and psychosocial services if needed.

He said MOHE's approach is to ensure that the ministry, universities and the entire higher education ecosystem are more agile in identifying and assisting students facing difficulties. — Bernama



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