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Safety concerns raised after fire in school

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RAUB: Loud popping sounds like small explosions followed by a fire in a secondary school here has raised safety concern for pupils and staff.

Those who raised the concern said that the incident at SMK Sungai Ruan yesterday morning must be investigated and steps taken to ensure things are all right before school resumes tomorrow.

MCA vice-president Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun who visited the site said Tenaga Nasional Berhad had been asked to find out the cause of the fire.

"No matter what, we have to put the safety of the students and teachers first," Chew told reporters at the school yesterday.

State Education Department

director Datuk Rosdi Ismail added that it was the responsibility of principals and headmasters to ensure the safety of their schools.

"They need to have regular inspections on safety equipment and also electrical wiring," he said.

The school would have to submit a report to the Public Works Department, Rosdi told reporters yesterday.

Raub Fire and Rescue Department station chief Khairul Anuar Yaakob said the fire was put out with an extinguisher.

"I advise schools to conduct regular fire safety and electrical wiring inspections together with our department.

"Make sure the fire extinguishers and other prevention equipment are in proper working order because these are usually vandalised by students," said Khairul.



Let's get this right: Chew talking to a TNB contractor during her visit to SMK Sungai Ruan in Raub.