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The damaged nursing home for the elderly following a fire yesterday morning.

Five **killed** in nursing home fire

> Checks reveal centre was operating without permit

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KAJANG: The freak early morning fire which gutted a nursing home for the elderly and claimed the lives of five of its residents did not have a business permit to operate, according to the Kajang Municipal Council.

Councillor Lai Wa Chong said

preliminary checks with the municipal council showed that the nursing home had been in operation without a permit and the council is considering taking serious action against the operator once the police and fire department investigations are complete.

"So far we are still waiting for records from the Social Welfare Department to determine whether the owner had applied for a permit from them," he said when met at the location of the incident.

Four of the five victims were identified as Leow Chong Fatt, Teo

Hoi Foo and Kwan Sak Seen, who were all in their 60s, whereas Lai Sew Yin was in her 70's.

The other casualty was a Pakistani caretaker identified as Awis Muhammad, 25.

Kajang police chief ACP Ahmad Dzaffir Mohd Yusoff said there were four survivors, Lim Chin Fatt, in his 70s, who is receiving treatment at the Kajang Hospital along with three others who were unscathed.

State Fire and Rescue Department assistant director Mohd Sani Harul said the cause of the fire is yet to be determined.