

## Sole survivor hides in toilet during brutal attack

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"Father went to work ... not back yet.

"Thief killed them and burned the house. All dead! They were all killed by the thief ... with a big knife," the sole survivor of yesterday's incident said in a video that went viral after the incident.

Police have confirmed that the video of the boy recounting the incident in Mandarin, is part of their investigations.

The boy, whose identity has been withheld by police, said he hid in the toilet at the time of the early morning incident.

The incident, in which four family members, including a three-year-old toddler were tragically killed, has been classified as murder after the Fire and Rescue Department and police investigators discovered elements of foul play.

The remains of Chia Tee Nang, 73, his wife Lim Mai Shak, 68, and their grandsons Chia Yuan Bin, three, and Ryan Chia Zeng Xi, nine, were discovered in various parts of the burnt home following the fire.

The father of both boys, a mute, and other relatives were distraught and seen weeping at the scene of the incident.

Kuala Langat district police chief Supt Azizan Tukiman confirmed that the boy escaped through a door near the bathroom.

He said the boy did not suffer any injuries but was admitted to the Banting Hospital for observation, as he was in a traumatic state.

"We will give him time to record his statement," Azizan said.

Selangor Criminal Investigation Department (CID) chief SAC Fadzil Ahmat said initial investigations by the Fire and Rescue Department following the 6am fire yesterday revealed elements of arson.

"The Selangor Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) team also found wounds on three of the victims, who are believed to have been stabbed with sharp objects.

"The victims were believed to have been stabbed before their bodies were set on fire," he said, adding police are investigating the crime from all angles, including claims that the victims were robbed before being killed, possibly as an act of revenge.

It is learnt that investigators believe the family car was used to set the house on fire as traces of fire accelerants were discovered around the fuel tank.