



Sabah Fire and Rescue Department director Nordin Pauzi (centre) using a fire extinguisher to put out the flames in the ambulance in Jalan Hospital Queen Elizabeth, Kota Kinabalu, yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

QUICK ACTION

State fire chief saves 4 from burning ambulance

KOTA KINABALU: Swift response from Sabah Fire and Rescue Department director Nordin Pauzi's prevented a fire from destroying an ambulance in Jalan Hospital Queen Elizabeth here on Saturday.

In the 7.40pm incident, the ambulance was ferrying a patient and three others to Queen Elizabeth Hospital 1 from Kota Marudu when it suddenly caught fire.

Nordin said he had just finished jogging in a park nearby and was driving home when he spotted the burning ambulance.

"I saw plumes of smoke coming

from the ambulance's bonnet. I stopped my car and rushed to the scene.

"When I arrived, I asked a security guard to grab several fire extinguishers, which I used to put out the fire.

"Not long after that, a fire engine arrived to put out the fire."

Nordin said his quick action prevented the fire from spreading to other parts of the ambulance and vehicles nearby.



Nordin Pauzi

A district Fire and Rescue Department spokesman confirmed that four people were on board the vehicle at the time of the incident, and that no casualties were reported. He said the department received a call about the incident at 7.49pm and dispatched 10 firemen to the scene.

"Twenty per cent of the ambulance was burnt. Investigations are being carried out to determine the cause of the fire."