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Members' personal data and savings unaffected, says EPF

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team is working closely with the Fire Department and assured EPF members that their data and savings are unaffected.

EPF also denied issuing a statement claiming its payout system had been affected by the fire. The message, shared on WhatsApp, claimed that the EPF operating system would be down for six months and "no withdrawals can be made during this period due to restoration works caused by the mysterious fire".

Repair works being carried out on the roofing and other areas of the six-storey building are said to have caused the fire, which began at the first floor.

The fire spread rapidly on the outer walls due to the polyethylene cladding, which are panels installed for thermal insulation and to enhance the appearance of buildings.

Soiman said the use of such cladding is an offence under building by-laws, adding that the department will issue a nationwide notice to prohibit the



A firefighter checking the damage after the fire yesterday.

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use of such material.

The department had previously advised professional construction associations and agencies against its use.

He said the department will

look out for the use of such cladding and other combustible material in future fire safety inspections.

If it is found to have been installed, the renewal of

compliance and fitness certificates issued by the department will be withheld until the prohibited material is upgraded or changed to approved types.



Some of the cars that were damaged in the fire.

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