

BB Sentral not to be integrated into BB Plaza

THE Bukit Bintang Sentral station (BB Sentral) will be built without being integrated into Bukit Bintang Plaza (BB Plaza), said a joint statement by MRT Corp Bhd and UDA Holdings Bhd yesterday.

As such, access to the station will now be independent of the mall, but located along the five-foot way in front of BB Plaza, the statement said.

Several other access points to the station will also be built from the surrounding roads, it added. MRT Corp and UDA issued the statement in response

to recent media reports related to the construction of the BB Sentral station, located near the plaza.

The statement said MRT Corp has revised the station's design to avoid having direct integration into BB Plaza. However, the revised design allows for integration to take place later, if and when BB Plaza is re-developed in the future. Thus, based on the revised standalone design, neither BB Plaza nor the UDA office building needs to be demolished to accommodate the construction of the BB Sentral station.

According to the statement, the standalone BB Sentral station will be accessible from the ground level in front of BB Plaza. At all times during the construction phase, pedestrian access into BB Plaza from the front entrance will remain open, it said.

A covered walkway will be built for the safety of pedestrians and shoppers. The statement said four businesses namely Gloria Jeans' Coffees, Hot & Roll, Starbucks Coffee (seating area only), and Mado Ice Cream located outside BB Plaza will make way for the work. — *Bernama*