

Sidewalk cafes make way for MRT

SETTLEMENT: Operators are waiting for compensation from Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd

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SIDEWALK cafe operators at the entrance to Bukit Bintang Plaza (BB Plaza) have vacated their premises to make way for preparatory work on the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project.

The Gloria Jean's CoffeeS, and Hot and Roll outlets were closed.

Several red and white plastic jersey barriers had been placed at the spot where a Starbucks outlet used

to be.

They had to make way for wiring and utility works on the underground BB Sentral MRT station.

However, two licensed money changers were still operating even though they had been instructed to move out.

Gloria Jean's Coffee operator Mohd Nasir Mohd Rashid said he vacated the premises last Saturday.

"We have held discussions with Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) about the compensation details and they have ensured



Red and white plastic jersey barriers have been placed at the spot which used to be a Starbucks outlet. Pic by Fairuz Mohd Shahar

that we will receive fair compensation.

"We are still preparing some supporting documents for MRT Corp.

We have requested compensation amounting to about RM4 million.

"The amount includes the loan from Perbadanan Nasional Bhd, renovation cost, six months' salary for our 20 employees and loss of income.

"We expect to receive the money

before Hari Raya Aidilfitri," he added.

BB Plaza, which opened 33 years ago, was supposed to be demolished but the authorities have decided not to acquire it.



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