



MEDIA RELEASE

CLOSURE AT JALAN BUKIT BINTANG (6.00PM UPDATE)

Kuala Lumpur, 25 April 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to provide an update on the road closure at Jalan Bukit Bintang.

Following a request from the owners of Bangunan LTAT, MRT Project's Underground Works Contractor MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd (MGKT) has now increased the frequency of reading the seven building settlement markers and tilt meters installed in the building to once every four hours. The usual reading frequency is once a week.

Readings so far have shown that the building has not experienced any movement and is safe. The building management has agreed to help MRT Corp disseminate information to tenants and occupants that the building was not in any danger from the incident.

Similar checks have been conducted for the building settlement markers and tilt meters which were installed in Menara Worldwide and Chulan Square. The readings also show that there has not been any building movement.

Bangunan LTAT, Menara Worldwide and Chulan Square are located near the site of the sinkhole which appeared at the left lane of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Tun Razak-bound) at 10.42pm last night.

Work has also started by MGKT to create temporary openings through the divider at Jalan Bukit Bintang in front of Bangunan LTAT and Menara Worldwide. These temporary openings are expected to be ready by Sunday.

The temporary opening will provide easier access into and out of Bangunan LTAT and Menara Worldwide. Following the sinkhole incident, access into and out of Bangunan LTAT and Menara Worldwide was affected by the road closure. Access to the basement carpark of Bangunan LTAT however remains open.

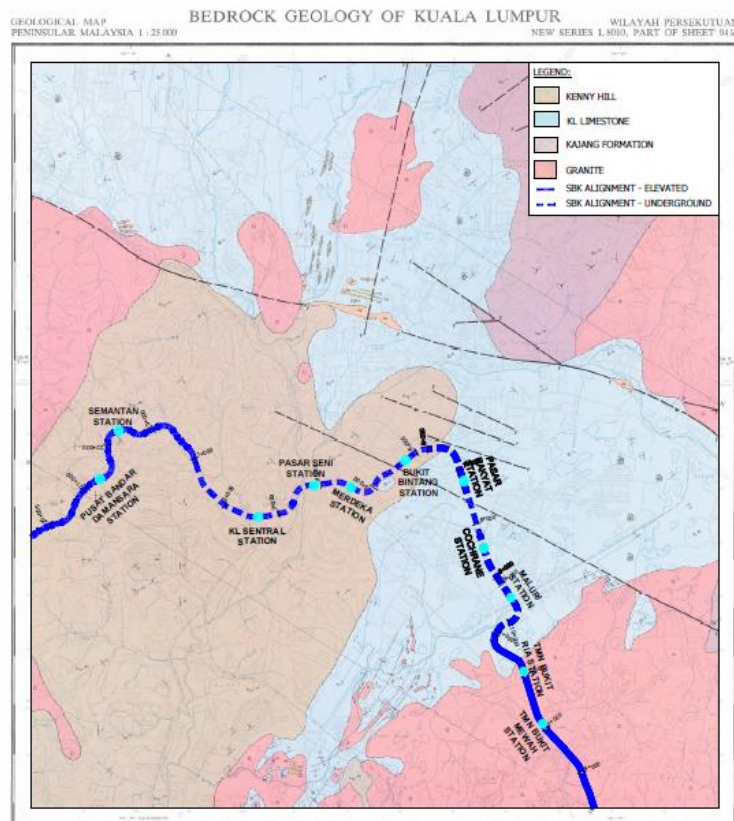
As for backfilling of the sinkhole, work was completed by 5.00am this morning. Compaction grouting will soon follow. Continuous monitoring and soil investigation is being carried out in the area to detect any further soil movement.

MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations, Encik Amir Mahmood Razak said the area is the beginning of the transition zone between the Kuala Lumpur Limestone Formation and the more stable Kenny Hill Formation.

"MRT Corp and MGKT are very aware of the risks as we excavate the tunnel towards this transition zone. A comprehensive investigation into the transition zone has been

undertaken and currently, ground treatment is in progress to improve the soil conditions for the tunnel boring machines,” he said.

At the same time, Encik Amir said MRT Corp and MGKT are prepared to handle any unexpected occurrences.



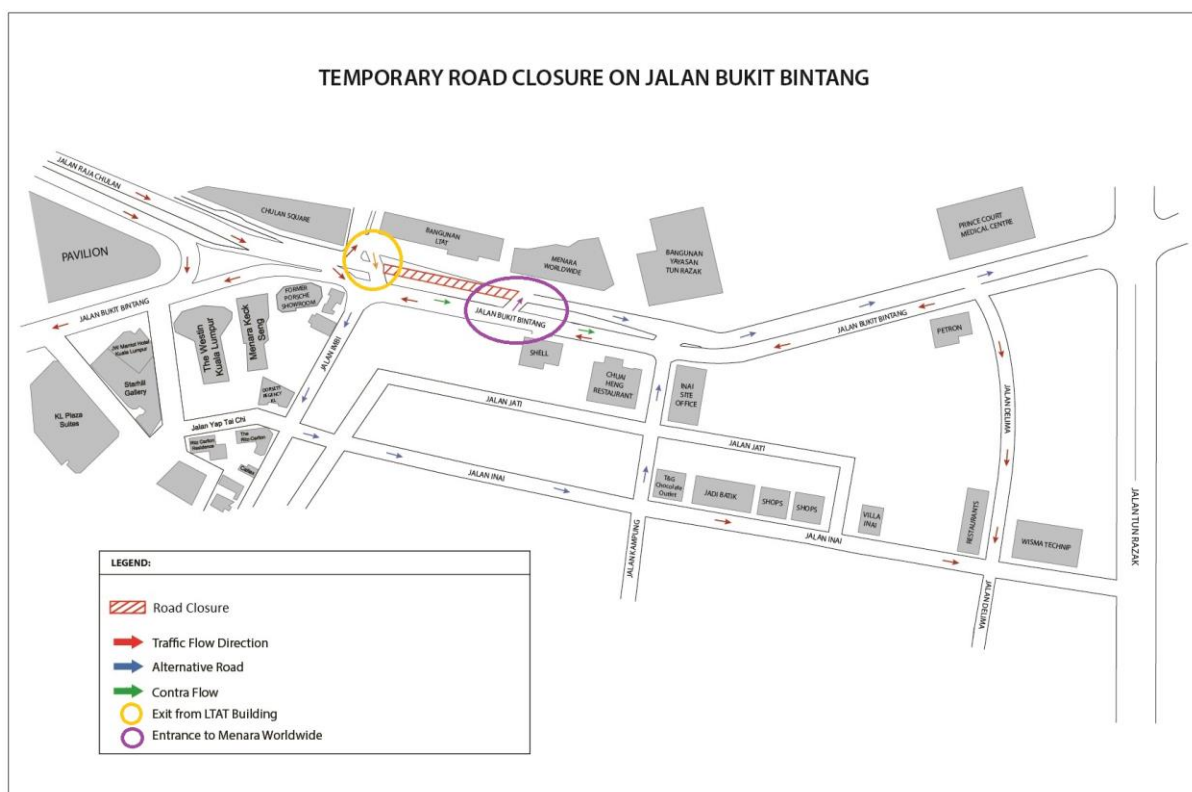
(Transition zone shown in map)

Traffic Diversion

In view of this development, the 500m stretch of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Tun Razak-bound) between Chulan Square and Menara Worldwide will remain closed to all traffic.

During the road closure, a traffic contra-flow is being implemented, whereby traffic from Bukit Bintang heading to Jalan Tun Razak will be directed onto two lanes on the opposite (Bukit Bintang-bound) side of the road. The remaining lanes on Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Imbi and Jalan Pudu-bound) remain open.

Alternative routes to the area are also available. Traffic from Bukit Bintang heading to Jalan Tun Razak can turn into Jalan Imbi at Chulan Square, and then turn left into Jalan Inai, then left again into Jalan Kampung and rejoin Jalan Bukit Bintang at the traffic lights where they can turn right to head to Jalan Tun Razak. Alternatively, motorists can proceed straight along Jalan Inai and reach Jalan Tun Razak directly near the Indonesian Embassy.





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