



MEDIA RELEASE

ROAD CLOSURE AT JALAN BUKIT BINTANG (9.00 PM UPDATE)

Kuala Lumpur, 27 April 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to provide an update on the sinkhole incident at Jalan Bukit Bintang since the last media release at 8.00am.

Work to repair three damaged water pipes, which is now believed to be the caused for the sinkhole appearing on Saturday night, was completed at 11.00am today by Syabas.

However, despite the repair works, one of the pipes again gave way at 4.30pm today, causing that pipe to burst. This resulted in water supply to Bangunan LTAT, Menara Worldwide and Yayasan Tun Razak to be disrupted again.

This incident also required the backfill, which had earlier been filled in the sinkhole, to be excavated again to enable repairs to be carried out for the burst pipe. Pipe repair work is being carried out now.

Meanwhile, electricity supply to Bangunan LTAT has been restored this morning. Power supply was disrupted last night when work to remove a section of the divider at Jalan Bukit Bintang to return the road into two-direction flow had damaged a shallow electricity cable.

The construction of the temporary exit for Bangunan LTAT and entrance for Menara Worldwide which required the removal of a section of the divider at Jalan Bukit Bintang has been completed and the new exit is ready for use.

Both buildings had their access and exit points affected when the stretch of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Tun Razak-bound) was closed on Wednesday.

The completion of the entrance for Menara Worldwide has also allowed access to the two lanes in front of the building to be used by traffic headed towards Jalan Tun Razak. Together with one contra-flow lane, three lanes are now available for those heading to Jalan Tun Razak (see below).

MGKT personnel are at site continuously to monitor the ground and buildings in the area for any signs of movement.

Traffic Diversion

As work to backfill the new sinkhole is being carried out, the stretch of Jalan Bukit Bintang (Jalan Tun Razak-bound) between Chulan Square and the Jalan Tun Razak intersection is now closed to all traffic.

With the completion of the temporary opening in front of Menara Worldwide, a total of three lanes are now available for motorists heading towards Jalan Tun Razak. Besides the two lanes in front of Menara Worldwide (Jalan Tun Razak-bound), a third lane comprising a contra-flow lane on the other (Pavilion bound) side of Jalan Bukit Bintang is also available to traffic heading to Jalan Tun Razak (Please see appended map).



All traffic from Jalan Tun Razak heading to the Bukit Bintang area will not be allowed to enter Jalan Bukit Bintang and are being redirected to Jalan Eaton where they can rejoin Jalan Bukit Bintang via Jalan Conlay.

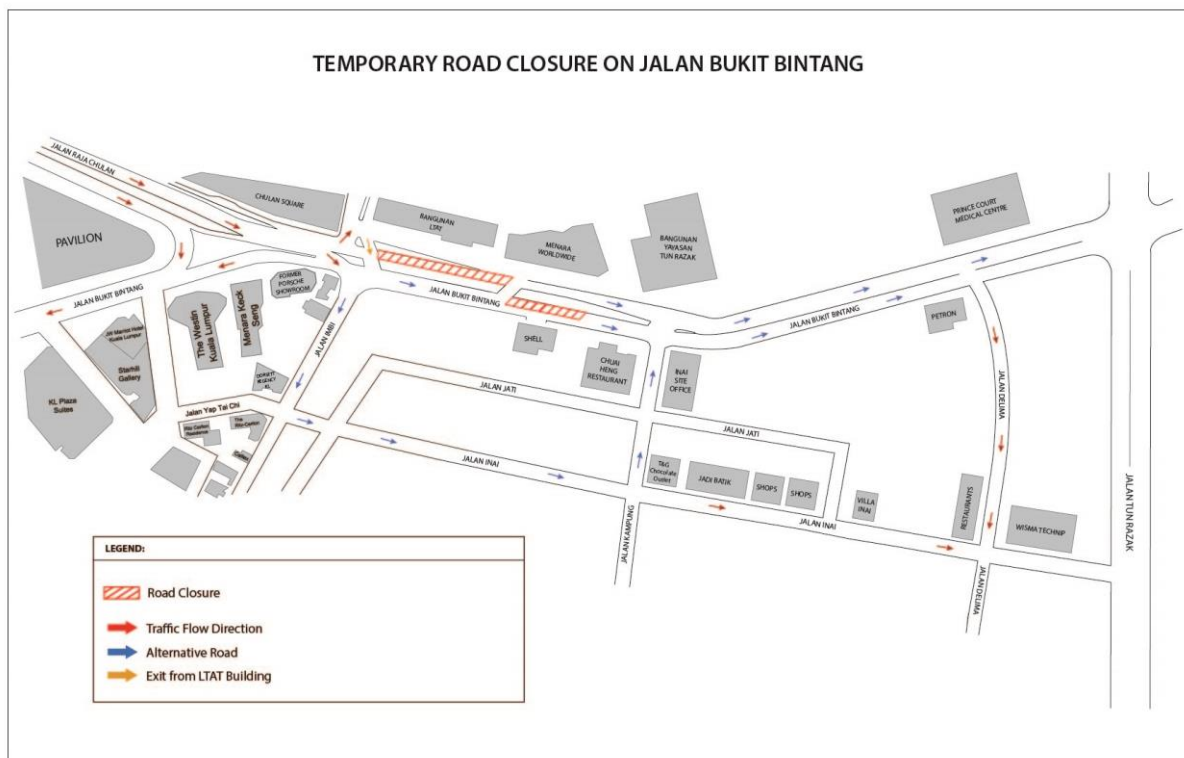
Several roads in the Bukit Bintang area are closed in conjunction with the visit of the President of the United States, Mr Barack Obama. This may affect some of the alternative routes which MRT Corp had earlier suggested for motorists to avoid the closed section of Jalan Bukit Bintang.

Motorists are urged to follow road signs and heed instructions from traffic police who have been deployed to manage traffic flow.

MRT Corp apologises for the inconvenience caused and will provide further updates on the situation and when the road will be reopened.

For more information the public can visit the MRT website at www.mymrt.com.my or www.mymrt-underground.com.my, Twitter @MRTMalaysia or @MyMRTUnderground, Facebook @MRTMalaysia or call the MRT Hotline at 1-800-82-6868.

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