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MALFUNCTION OF CHERAS BATU 11 TRAFFIC LIGHTS NOT DUE TO MRT PROJECT

Kuala Lumpur, 9 August 2014: The traffic lights at the Cheras-Kajang Highway's Cheras Batu 11 Interchange malfunctioned because cables supplying electricity to its control box were missing and not due to MRT construction work.

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations Encik Amir Mahmood Razak said the real cause of the traffic lights failing to work was discovered during investigations by TNB.

"We were informed that the cables could have been stolen," he said responding to statements made by Balakong State Assemblyman Yang Berhormat Tuan Ng Tien Chee on this issue during a media conference yesterday.

Amir said the investigations were carried out by TNB following a meeting involving the utility company, MRT Project Delivery Partner MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd, MRT Project Work Package Contractor for this area MTD Construction Sdn Bhd, and Cheras-Kajang Highway Concessionaire Grand Saga Sdn Bhd.

"TNB has informed us that the traffic lights will be repaired immediately," he added.

Checks at the location yesterday night confirmed that the traffic lights at the interchange had been repaired and were operating normally.

Amir said the MRT Project could not have caused the traffic lights to malfunction as all construction work at the site had stopped by 26 July 2014 for the Hari Raya Aidil Fitri holidays. The traffic lights however failed only two days later on 28 July 2014.

MRT construction work only resumed at that location on 5 August 2014.

Meanwhile, Amir pointed out that a few units of traffic lights meant for slip roads at the interchange which are now closed for MRT construction work have been switched off. The closed slip roads are for vehicles from Kajang turning into Pekan Cheras Batu 11, and from Pekan Cheras Batu 11 towards Kuala Lumpur.

"Switching off these lights does not in any way cause traffic congestion. In fact, it allows unimpeded traffic flow," he said.



The closure of the slip roads, he adds, was authorised by Grand Saga and the Malaysian Highway Authority and were needed for the construction of MRT piers.

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About the MRT Project

MRT is a new rail transport system for the Klang Valley. It is part of the Government's Greater Kuala Lumpur/Klang Valley's National Key Economic Area (NKEA), under the Economic Transformation Programme. The Sungai Buloh – Kajang Line runs for 51 kilometres, from the north-west town of Sg Buloh to the south-east city town of Kajang. Upon completion, it will comprise 31 stations, and serve 1.2 million people along the route. It will also have strategic integration with the Klang Valley's existing rail transport network, namely the LRT, Monorail and KTM Komuter, as well as intra and inter-city bus routes. The end result will be better connectivity for Kuala Lumpur and its surrounding cities, while reducing the number of cars that enter the capital.

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