

STATEMENT ON INCIDENT AT RUBBER RESEARCH INSTITUTE SITE (10.30AM UPDATE): FIRST BODY RECOVERED, IDENTIFIED

Kuala Lumpur, 19 August 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to provide an update on the incident which occurred at the MRT worksite within the former Rubber Research Institute (RRI) near Kota Damansara.

Search and rescue efforts for the three unaccounted for workers continued throughout the night following the 8.30pm incident where a span of the MRT guideway had dislodged from its piers and fallen on the ground below.

At 2.34am this morning, the body of Mohammad Elahi Hossain, a Bangladesh national, was recovered from under the fallen span. His body was taken to Sungai Buloh Hospital by ambulance for a post mortem.

At the moment, work to search for the two remaining workers is continuing. The two remaining workers are Mohamad Faruk Khan and Mohammad Alauddin Mollik. Both are also Bangladesh nationals.

All three workers were working on the span when the incident occurred.

The operation involves cutting eight tendons to loosen the 14 segmented box girders (SBGs) that are stressed together to form the fallen span. Loosening the SBGs will enable each unit to be removed.

The span is 38m in length and weighs 650 tons.

MRT Corp, the Project Delivery Partner MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd have commenced investigations to determine the cause of the incident.

All work along Package V1 where the incident occurred has been suspended until further notice. The work package contractor for Package V1 is Syarikat Muhibah Perniagaan dan Pembinaan Sdn Bhd.

MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid, who is currently at the incident location, says MRT Corp and the authorities will make sure that the cause for this accident is determined quickly.

Azhar again expressed regret and sorrow for the accident and for what had happened to the workers.



"No effort will be spared in getting to the bottom of this tragic incident. We will also not spare anyone whose actions are found to have caused or contributed to this accident," he says.

Initial investigations reveal that the cause of the incident may be localised to this particular span and other spans which have been erected are not affected.

"Immediate checks carried out have revealed that there is no reason for the public to worry about the other spans which have been built," he says.

An update will be issued with further details as soon as they are available.

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