

STATEMENT ON INCIDENT AT THE RUBBER RESEARCH INSTITUTE SITE (4.00PM UPDATE):

BODIES OF REMAINING WORKERS RECOVERED

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.

The bodies of the two remaining workers who were trapped beneath the span of the MRT guideway which had dislodged from its piers and fallen on the ground below at 8.30pm yesterday night have been recovered.

The bodies of Mohamad Faruk Khan, aged 38, and Mohammad Alauddin Mollik, aged 34, were recovered at about 1.35pm after the sixth segmented box girders which form the span were lifted.

The bodies were brought by ambulance to Sungai Buloh Hospital for post mortem.

Earlier at 2.34am this morning, the body of Mohammad Elahi Hossain, aged 27, was recovered from the incident site.

All three workers who were Bangladesh nationals were working on the span when the incident occurred. The span is 38m in length and weighs 650 tons.

With all missing workers accounted for, the search operation has been called off.

MRT Corp and Syarikat Muhibah Perniagaan dan Pembinaan Sdn Bhd (SMPP), the contractor for Package V1 where the incident occurred, have informed the Bangladesh High Commission for the process of contacting the family members of the workers in Bangladesh to be carried out. Officials from the High Commission were at the site today.

MRT Corp and SMPP will make the necessary arrangements for the bodies to be repatriated to Bangladesh once the next of kin have been informed and consent is given by the High Commission.

MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid, who is at the incident site, says he will ensure SMPP does everything that it can to assist the families of the workers when they are here in Malaysia.



"I extend my deepest condolence to the families of the workers over this unfortunate incident," he says.

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

All work at the site has been suspended until further notice.

"Initial investigations have revealed that the work method approved for the installation of parapets were not adhered to. We will investigate why this happened, and no stone will be left unturned so that we can get 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 reiterates.

Azhar assured the public that MRT structures along the 51km alignment were built to specifications and that the public should be assured that they are safe.

"Immediate checks carried out have revealed that there is no reason for the public to worry about the other spans which have been built along the alignment. There is absolutely no issue with structural integrity along our alignment," he says.

An update will be issued with further details on the incident as they become available.

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