



MEDIA RELEASE

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AT JALAN CHERAS (update)

Kuala Lumpur, 24 August 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRTCorp) wishes to provide an update on the traffic accident which had occurred along Jalan Cheras near Taman Billion involving a lorry delivering material for the MRT Project.

Operations to clear the road of concrete tunnel lining segments which had fallen off the lorry during the 11.00am incident today began immediately. The 12 pieces of segments were quickly moved to the side of the road and a crane was then mobilised to lift the segments into a back-up lorry.

The lanes leading to the Taman Billion roundabout were reopened to all traffic at 1.30pm.

MRT Corp reiterates that the fallen material did not cause any injury to anyone. No car was damaged from the fallen segments. A car was however damaged at the rear by the lorry when it had to brake suddenly.

The lorry belongs to a transportation contractor for the MRT Project Underground Works Package Contractor MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd and was transporting tunnel lining segments to the Pudu Launch Shaft.

MRT Corp is investigating the incident. Action will be taken against parties found responsible for the accident.

Initial information available showed that the driver, who has 23 years of lorry driving experience, had the appropriate driver's license. He had also gone through the induction course for transporting segments which was carried out by MMC Gamuda for all lorry drivers.

Rumours that the driver fled the scene are untrue. The driver stayed with the site supervisor throughout the operation to remove the fallen segments.

The location later experienced flash flooding due to extremely heavy rain which began at about 3pm. A number of the New Jersey Barriers (NJB) used to line the worksite were swept onto the middle of the road. Several vehicles were stalled in the floodwaters.

The Emergency Respond Team from IJM Construction Sdn Bhd, the Work Package Contractor for this section of works, were immediately mobilised to remove the floating NJBs and rescue the drivers from their stalled vehicles.



Water receded when the rain stopped at 4.45pm. Work to clean the site of mud is currently on-going.

To recap, at about 11.00am today, a 51 ton lorry carrying concrete tunnel lining segments for the MRT Project had to apply its emergency brakes as traffic ahead of it had suddenly stopped. The lorry swerved a little but could not avoid hitting the vehicle in front.

As a result of the accident, 12 pieces of concrete tunnel lining segments fell from the lorry onto the road. The lorry was carrying 16 pieces of these segments.

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