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'Safety training for MRT workers intensified'

SUNGAI BULOH: The stop-work order for the MRT construction site in Package V1 (inside the former Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia) issued by Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) after the Aug 18 mishap was lifted on Sept 17.

However, MRT Corp is still waiting for the investigation report from DOSH on the incident.

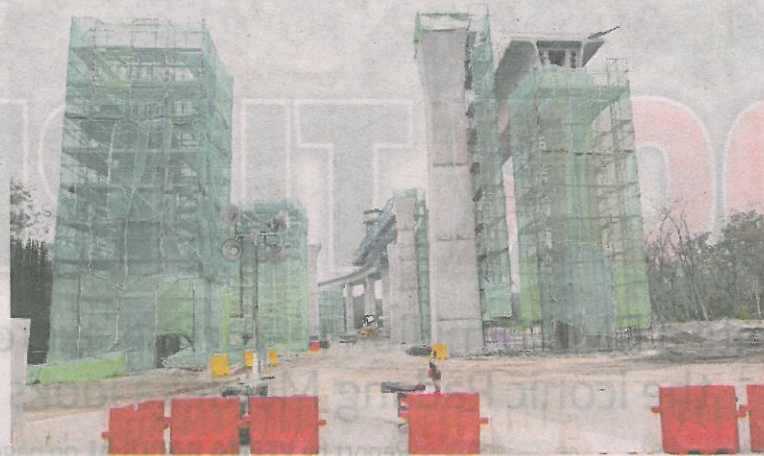
Three contract workers — Mohamad Faruk Khan, 38, Mohammad Alauddin Mollik, 34, and Mohammad Elahi Hossain, 27 — killed in the 9pm incident when a parapet fell 38m on them.

The MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line Project Delivery Partner (PDP), MMC-Gamuda KVMRT Sdn Bhd with the Works Package Contractor (WPC) for Package V1, Syarikat Muhibbah Perniagaan & Pembinaan (SMPP) Sdn Bhd have given their assurance that the best safety measures are being taken at work sites during a media site visit recently.

Internal stop-work orders issued by MMC-Gamuda KVMRT are being lifted in stages when the WPC complies with safety mitigation measures and work-site practices.

"We're working closely with all WPCs to intensify safety training for MRT workers, particularly those involved in high-risk work.

"Tighter supervision, streamlined checks and approval procedures are being done to ensure work site efficiency and that safety compliance are met.



Stringent safety measures are being carried out at MRT construction sites. Pic by Mokhsin Abidin

"These include deployment of 60 experienced PDP Safety Superintendents across the elevated alignment to provide extra layers of policing.

"They are stationed at locations where high-risk activities are being carried out," said MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) deputy construction director Adil Putra Ahmad.

The Zero Tolerance Programme implemented earlier this year allows safety superintendents to halt works immediately if construction does

not comply with the method statement and safety measures.

Stop-work order and/or corrective action will be executed immediately to address non-conformance.

"SMPP has set up its own safety teams to work closely with PDP and supervising consultants since the Zero Tolerance Programme was implemented.

"SMPP's higher management is personally involved in regular Site Safety Walks to ensure workers fol-

low method statements," said SMPP managing director Ku Haris Ku Mahmud.

Among safety improvements are tighter supervision at the site by WPC and supervising consultants with greater involvement from the PDP senior management.

Spans are secured with either permanent or temporary support at all times, while overhanging structures over live traffic have debris catch nets.

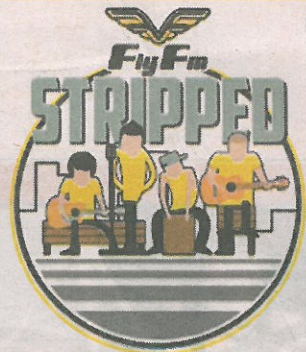
"We are also eliminating mosquito breeding grounds around work sites," said MRT Corp Sdn Bhd strategic communications and public relations director Amir Mahmood Razak.

Amir said with the stop-work orders being lifted in stages, the MRT project would be able to meet its original deadline of December 2016.

He said the families of the Aug 18 incident victims each received RM80,000 in compensation.

Other debts incurred during the process of the three coming to Malaysia will be handled by MRT Corp. "We don't want the families to be burdened with debts after losing their loved ones," he said. **By Farezza Hanum Rashid**

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