

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **MRT PROJECT CONTRACTOR INFORMED AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY AFTER INCIDENT**

### ***Project owner denies statement that Bomba was not alerted***

**Kuala Lumpur, 28 February 2015:** Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) would like to clarify and deny claims by the Fire and Rescue Department that it was not informed of the incident at the Semantan Portal.

An article in The Malaysian Insider which was published on Friday 27 February, Kuala Lumpur Fire and Rescue Department's Assistant Operations Director Encik Azizan Ismail was as quoted saying that he was puzzled as to why MRT Corp did not alert the department earlier.

The report had also claimed that it only received a call from the public alerting them on the incident at 3:00 pm.

MRT Corp wishes to deny that statement as the contractor for that particular site, Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd, had made a call to the Emergency Line 999 at 1.38 pm, which was approximately 18 minutes after the incident occurred.

"Records showed that Sunway Construction's site engineer on duty Encik Syed Asyraf Syed Yahya made a 999 call at 1:38 pm.

"Jabatan Pertahanan Awam personnel arrived at the scene some 15 minutes later and administered first aid to survivors. They also evacuated the workers who were involved in the incident and sent them to Hospital Kuala Lumpur", MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations, Encik Amir Mahmood Razak said.



Amir said it was clear that MRT Corp and the contractor of the work package where the incident occurred adhered strictly to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) which was to inform the authorities immediately after any accident had occurred.

He added that MRT Corp contractors were also required to have Emergency Response Teams with set protocols and SOPs.

“Any incident is immediately reported via email and SMS to two sets of internal groups.

“One group is the ‘Action’ group whose members have responsibilities to implement certain actions following an incident. The other group is the ‘For Information’ group who are kept informed and updated of any incident,” he explained.

Amir said this procedure was carried out as designed which resulted in the emergency call being made to the authorities immediately after the unfortunate incident occurred.

To recap, three workers were assembling a rebar cage at the Semantan Portal V4 Site when the ties that held the rebars gave way and fell on the workers.

Mr Rijaul Abdul Goni, 40, died on the spot while Mr Shanaullah, 37, was injured. The third worker Mr Rozlu Karim escaped injury.

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