

MRT Corp allowed to intervene in hearing

KUALA LUMPUR: The High Court has allowed Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp) to be a party in judicial review proceedings by 62 strata title owners of Ampang Park Shopping Centre to stay a land acquisition bid.

High Court (appellate and special powers) judge Justice Hanipah Farikullah granted MRT Corp's application yesterday to intervene as a party in the review.

Speaking to reporters later, senior federal counsel Nik Haizie Azlin Nabidin said the judge allowed the application by MRT Corp, represented by lead counsel Robert Lazar, on the grounds that it has a direct interest in the project.

The applicant's lawyer Datuk Edward Ng Boon Siong said the court held that MRT Corp, as a developer in the project, would be affected by any decision of the judicial review.

Ng said the court has set June 30 for the hearing of merits of the judicial review.

"The court also granted a stay of land acquisition proceedings until disposal of the judicial review," he said.

Ng confirmed that the stay order also allowed the strata title owners to operate their business as usual at the shopping centre until the disposal of the review.