

MRT can intervene in mall land grab

KUALA LUMPUR: The High Court here yesterday allowed Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT) to intervene as it has direct interest in a judicial review brought by Ampang Park Shopping Centre lot owners, in relation to land acquisition for an MRT project.

High Court judge Datuk Hanipah Farikullah allowed the application in her chambers yesterday.

Senior Federal Counsel Nik Haizie Azlin Nabidin said leave application was set to be heard on June 30.

The 39 registered strata title owners of the mall named the Federal Territory Ministries, Director-General of Land and

Mines (Kuala Lumpur) and Land Administrator of Wilayah Persekutuan as respondents.

In the application, they sought a declaration that the approval of the authorities in relation to the land acquisition for the MRT project from Sungai Buloh to Serdang and Putrajaya was illegal. They sought an order to quash the approval and any subsequent land acquisition proceedings as well as an interim order to stay the on-going land acquisition.

The SSP line is to run beneath the mall. The Ampang Park Shopping Centre, a pioneer for malls in Malaysia, began operation in the 1970s.