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#### Eight more LRT stations opened

EIGHT more light rail transit (LRT) stations are now opened for services to the public. The stations are Chan Sow Lin, Cheras, Salak Selatan, Bandar Tun Razak, Tasik Selatan, Sungai Besi, Bukit Jalil and Sri Petaling.

The route enables commuters to get to the Bukit Jalil station where the Stadium Nasional and the Commonwealth Games Village are located.

"It takes only 20 minutes for a commuter from the city centre to get to the Bukit Jalil station and to the Games Village. This includes passing through a total of 10 stations," said Sistem Transit Aliran Ringan (STAR) Sdn Bhd in a statement recently.

The maximum fare from the City Centre to Sri Petaling is RM2.90.

The STAR-LRT System 1 network was officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on July 11.

"The STAR-LRT System 1 network for both Phases I and II routes are right on schedule and STAR has managed to work within the budgeted cost of RM3.5 billion," the company said.

To date, STAR has carried a total of 30 million commuters since it began service on December 16 1996.

The carrying capacity of the whole system is being increased from the existing 16,000 passengers per hour per direction to 33,200 passengers per hour per direction.

The STAR-LRT Northern route from Sultan Ismail station to East Sentul is expected to be operational by December this year. The route runs through the Putra World Trade Centre, Titiwangsa, Sentul and East Sentul stations.

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