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Ling-Monorail  
KL MONORAIL HAS YET TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

PUTRAJAYA, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- Preliminary investigation by KL Monorail System Sdn Bhd has not determined the cause of last Friday's mishap in which a safety wheel came off its coach and fell on a Bernama journalist walking under the tracks.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today in the preliminary report the project management still did not understand how all six screws holding the safety wheel to the tyre-like guidance wheel of the coach came off, causing it to drop on David Chelliah, 40.

"It is one of those accidents that they do not understand. Up to now they do not understand how it could have happened," said Dr Ling to reporters at his office here.

David sustained serious head injuries in the accident and is now at the Hospital Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Ling also said the government had not made any decision as yet on approving the licence for KL Monorail to ferry passengers.

Dr Ling said the government had directed KL Monorail to continue with its probe to establish the cause of the accident.

On the use of English in Chinese schools, Dr Ling who is the MCA President, said a meeting was held on the matter this morning with the Prime Minister at his office.

Also at the meeting with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad were Gerakan President Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik, SUPP President Tan Sri Dr George Chan and SAPP President Datuk Yong Teck Lee.

"We had fruitful discussions. Fullstop," he said.

On competition between Air Asia and Malaysia Airlines, Dr Ling said the government had asked both airlines to stop any new promotional activity.

However they could continue with existing promotions until a new decision was made, Dr Ling said.

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