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Najib visits TRX MRT project

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak yesterday visited the construction site of the Tun Razak Exchange (TRX) Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) station to see for himself the progress on the most modern public transport hub in the country, which is scheduled for completion in July 2017, reports Bernama.

He arrived at the site located at Jalan Tun Razak here at 4.40pm and was welcomed by MRT Corporation Sdn Bhd chairman Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, who is also the chief secretary to the Government.

Also present were Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan, MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar and Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) chairman Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar.

Immediately after donning a safety helmet, safety jacket and safety boots, Najib was given a briefing on the status of the project by MRT Corp's Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Route project manager Marcus Karakashian where he was informed that it (TRX MRT station) was 60% completed.

He was then taken on a walkabout at the site, including up the viewing deck, station platform and commuter tunnels and was seen nodding his head and smiling several times as he was briefed en route to the locations before leaving the site at 5.30pm.

This is the third time Najib is visiting MRT project sites. He visited the Cochrane MRT station site twice last year.

The TRX MRT station is the biggest among the seven underground MRT stations along the SBK route which will later be extended to Serdang and Putrajaya (MRT Two Route).

The SBK Route, being built under the first phase of the MRT Project, covers a distance of 51km with 31 stations and can accommodate 1.2 million commuters.

Meanwhile in a statement yesterday, MRT Corp tunnelling project director Satpal S.Bhogal said the overall completion of the underground works was at 75%, with tunnelling works at 95% as of January this year.

He added that the tunnelling works for the entire SBK line is expected to be completed by the first week of next month.



Najib visits the MRT construction site at the Cochrane MRT station in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Accompanying him are Ahmad (right) and Syed Hamid (second from left).