

**Najib visits TRX MRT construction site – Bernama  
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Datuk Seri Najib Razak today visited the construction site of the Tun Razak Exchange (TRX) Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) station to inspect the progress on the public transport hub, which is scheduled for completion in July 2017.

The prime minister arrived at the site located at Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur at 4.40pm.

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

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 updated that the TRX 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 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 today, 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.

According to Satpal, the station works were also progressing well at all seven MRT underground stations with 63% completion at Maluri station followed by 62% at Muzium Negara station, Pasar Seni station (61%), Merdeka station (56%), TRX station (58%) and Bukit Bintang (48%).

"With the achievements to date and heavy investment in manpower and machinery for tunnelling works, we are confident that we will be in time for the opening of the second phase of SBK Line in July 2017.

"... and now we are able to assemble a full team of experts for tunnelling jobs locally. Our dependence on foreign experts and skilled workers will be reduced significantly.

"There will be a time in the near future that we will be fully self-sufficient to undertake tunnelling jobs, in line with our vision of reaching a high-income nation status," said Satpal. – Bernama, March 3, 2015.

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