

Rapid KL Monorail Service Back To Normal At 4pm
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 31 (Bernama) -- Rapid KL's monorail service was back to normal at 4pm today after operating on degraded mode without the support of automatic signalling system since yesterday due to damaged transmission cables.

Rapid Rail Monorail Line chief operating officer Abdul Hadi Amran said the signalling system for the service was not able to function fully yesterday because a number of fibre optic cables that were mounted in a duct under the guideway were damaged after being bitten by rodents.

"Our team immediately undertook remedial actions to identify the location and repair the damaged fibre optic cables near a secluded spot behind the Telekom Malaysia office near Jalan Tun Sambanthan.

"Clearly, they were bitten by rodents which have infested the area. We will intensify checks on the cables and take further actions to overcome the situation," he said in a statement here, today.

He said due to the unavailability of the signalling system, the monorail service had operated on manual instructions from the control centre, which in turn, impacted the smoother flow of services with trains having longer stops at stations in the interest of safety.

Meanwhile, Abdul Hadi said that investigations on yesterday's incident at Titiwangsa Station where the rubber tyre of a monorail train caught fire were still on-going.

"Preliminary findings suggested that the fire could be caused by a broken main hub bearing, which got overheated, jammed, and dragged the tyre," he said.

He also expressed regret and apologised for another incident this morning, which involved the same four-car train that got stranded yesterday between Imbi and Bukit Bintang station.

The train, which was checked and cleared by its builders and maintenance contractor, Scomi Engineering for today's operations, encountered power loss while approaching the Bukit Bintang Station from Imbi, causing it to be stranded on the track and temporarily disrupted the monorail service.

However, the affected train has since been sent to the Titiwangsa Station for further checks and rectification.

Normal service resumed between the Imbi and Bukit Bintang Stations with minimal impact at 9.25am.

Abdul Hadi said the investigation on cause of the incident is being carried out.

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