

LRT Incident: Najib Wants Safety Audit To Ensure Priority Given To Passengers
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 22 (Bernama) -- Prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak wants safety auditing to be carried out on LRT services following the faulty brake incidents at two locations, here today.

"I am thankful that no one was injured in the incident involving the LRT at the Setiawangsa and University stations.

"A safety audit must be carried out so that the safety of passengers is always given priority," he said in his Facebook and Twitter websites.

In the two separate incidents, two LRT trains on the Kelana Jaya Route experienced braking system problems, one near the University Station, Petaling Jaya and the other at the Setiawangsa Station.

Both incidents caused service disruptions and resulted in both trains to be enveloped in smoke.

The first incident occurred at the Setiawangsa Station at 8am, and the second at 12.18pm.

Meanwhile Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd in a statement here stated that the company realised the problem of the brake failure and had taken steps to overcome it by fitting new brake seals for the 35 four-car trains.

The move was taken as a temporary measure while waiting for the train manufacturer, Bombardier and Knorr Brake Company to come up with a long-term solution.

The manufacturer has acknowledged that there is a design issue.

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