

Rapid Rail CEO Apologises For Double LRT Incident Today
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 22 (Bernama) -- Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd apologises to commuters for the inconvenience caused as a result of the brake malfunction on two trains on the Kelana Jaya LRT Line, Wednesday.

The first incident at Setiawangsa station occurred at 8am while the second took place at 12.18pm near the University station. Both incidents caused disruptions on the route and thick smoke was seen coming from the two trains.

"In today's incident, all passengers were transferred to a rescue train when a fire occurred briefly. Both fires were put off by Rapid Rail rescue team members using the fire extinguishers in the train," said the company's CEO Ahmad Nizam Mohd Amin in a statement, issued today.

He said Rapid Rail had been aware of the problems relating to the brakes and had been conducting special checks on the trains plying the Kelana Jaya Line to ensure the safety of the passengers was not compromised.

The problems relating to the brakes had been brought to the attention of the train manufacturer, Bombardier, and the braking system manufacturer Knorr Brake Company where both admitted there was a design issue with the brakes.

"While working for a long term solution, our engineers have been attending to the brake callipers of the existing 35 four-car trains by replacing the brake seals.

"As of today, some 40 percent of the 560 units of brake callipers have been fitted with the new brake seals. This is, however, only a containment measure until the brake company comes up with a permanent solution," he said.

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