

'Display contact details at public facilities'

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This will make it easier to report emergencies, say stakeholders

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DISPLAY of contact numbers on public facilities such as pedestrian bridges, escalators and bus stands should be mandatory.

In addition to emergencies, it will make it easier for people to give feedback and lodge complaints about faulty structures.

The issue surfaced after an incident on Monday when an escalator caught fire in Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur.

Many thought the escalator belonged to Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd as the bridge was linked to the Ampang Park LRT station.

"I use the bridge and escalator all the time and was shocked when I saw the fire," said Amirul Helmi, a dispatch rider.

"I called the LRT company many times to find out when the bridge would be repaired but could not get through," he said, adding that the number should have been displayed clearly.

Salesman Sam Wong said the authorities should list the telephone numbers at the site like what DBKL does with traffic lights.

"At least we know who to notify if the lights at the bridge are not working," said Wong.

A Rapid Rail spokesperson confirmed that the bridge and escalator did not belong to the company.

"Putting the name and number of the company in charge at the site will probably put an end to all confusion," he agreed.



Intermark Mall says it will provide regular updates on the link bridge access and replacement of the escalator which caught fire. — SAMUEL ONG/The Star

He added that many stations were connected to bridges and escalators that did not belong to Rapid Rail.

When contacted, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) Road Transport Department director Yu Chuan Hock said that while the bridge was owned by DBKL, there was an agreement with the developer for the maintenance and management of the bridge.

"While we are the owner, the developer is to maintain and manage the bridge and related facilities," Yu said via WhatsApp.

Meanwhile, the Intermark Mall Kuala Lumpur management said in a statement that it regretted the inconvenience caused due to the partial closure of the bridge until further notice.

According to the statement, the authorities are currently investigating the cause of the fire and pedestrians are advised to exercise caution when crossing Jalan Ampang to get to the LRT station.

"We will work closely with the asset owner, DBKL, and the other authorities.

"The Occupational Safety and

Health Department together with the escalator vendor have conducted a site inspection to assess the damage and ensure the escalator removal and replacement are done in accordance with safety and operational protocols."

The statement added that it would provide regular updates on the link bridge access and expected completion date of the replacement.

The bridge across the busy intersection of Jalan Tun Razak and Jalan Ampang was constructed in 2013 at a cost of RM15mil.

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313 tanah runtuh sepanjang MTL

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Sebanyak 313 kejadian tanah runtuh dilaporkan berlaku di seluruh negara sepanjang Monsun Timur Laut (MTL) sehingga Selasa lalu.

Menurut Jabatan Mineral dan Geosains (JMG), Kuala Lumpur merekodkan kejadian tanah runtuh tertinggi dengan 115 kes dilaporkan.

Katanya, ia diikuti Selangor dengan 70 kes, Pahang (43 kes), Negeri Sembilan (28 kes), Sabah (23 kes), Sarawak (16 kes), Terengganu (13 kes) manakala masing-masing satu kes bagi Melaka, Johor dan Perak.

"Kejadian tanah runtuh dilaporkan membabitkan lokasi cerun, jalan, taman perumahan dan rizab hutan.

"Malah, satu runtuhan juga direkodkan di kuari di daerah Kinta hingga menyebabkan ada mangsa ter-



KEJADIAN tanah runtuh di bukit berhampiran jalan raya dari Pulau Betong ke Pantai Pasir Panjang, Balik Pulau.

perangkap," katanya.

Laporan itu memaklumkan tindakan awal sudah diambil di kawasan yang terjejas antaranya memasang kanvas dan penghadang bagi mengurangkan kes runtuhan.

Selain itu, pemilik tanah persendirian juga diminta mengosongkan tapak dan rumah yang terjejas.

Katanya, bagi runtuhan berhampiran kawasan perumahan, penduduk diarahkan berpindah buat sementara waktu bagi membolehkan kerja pembaikan dijalankan seperti di Batu Caves dan Shah Alam.

Menurutnya, JMG juga sentiasa memberikan nasihat teknikal bagi mengurangkan risiko runtuhan susulan.

KESAN tanah runtuh berdekatan Empangan Hidro di Stesen Janakuasa Kenyir Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) di Jenagor, Hulu Terengganu, baru-baru ini.

Kuala Lumpur: Penduduk di kawasan Seksyen 6, Wangsa Maju di sini, meluahkan kebimbangan mereka sekiranya kejadian tanah runtuh yang berlaku Selasa lalu kembali berulang ketika cuaca yang tidak menentu kini.

Azizam Ahmad, 65, yang menetap di kawasan berkenaan sejak 25 tahun lalu berkata, dia berharap pihak berwajib melihat situasi berkenaan dengan terperinci.

Penduduk bimbang kejadian berulang lagi

“Sebelum ini hanya berlaku banjir kilat sahaja, kini tanah runtuh pula. Saya risau ia (tanah runtuh) akan berulang dan minta pihak berwajib melihat situasi ini.

“Saya difahamkan kawasan Bukit Dinding di belakang kediaman ini sedang berlaku pembangunan. Saya mohon ada pemantauan

berhubung perkara itu,” katanya ditemui, semalam.

Menurutnya, penduduk kini sedang membersihkan lumpur tebal kira-kira 0.5 meter akibat tanah runtuh itu.

“Nasib ada ji-

ran-jiran yang datang membantu membersihkan, mungkin ambil sedikit masa untuk dibersihkan (lumpur).

“Apa yang merisaukan jika hujan lebat berlaku, kita tidak tahu

apa akan jadi kepada bukit ini nanti,” katanya.

Sementara itu, tinjauan Harian Metro mendapati petugas daripada Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) berada di lokasi berkenaan bagi membersihkan dan memantau keadaan di kawasan sekitar.

Terdahulu, lima rumah

terkesan susulan kejadian tanah runtuh yang berlaku di tanah persendirian dekat Jalan 1/27D, Seksyen 6 Wangsa Maju membabitkan 28 mangsa daripada lima keluarga.

Tiada mangsa dilaporkan cedera dan tiada rumah dilaporkan rosak dalam kejadian berkenaan.

Kerja membersihkan lumpur tebal kira-kira 0.5 meter giat dijalankan



PETUGAS DBKL berada di lokasi tanah runtuh bagi membersihkan, memantau keadaan sekitar susulan kejadian tanah runtuh yang berlaku di tanah persendirian dekat Jalan 1/27D di Seksyen 6, Wangsa Maju.