

Jalan Ampang link bridge to be ready by November

Fire at facility was set deliberately, says mall management



The escalator that was damaged in the March 7 blaze is cordoned off at the Ampang Park LRT station. (Inset) Signage was put up at the station to show pedestrians the alternative route they could take. — AZMAN GHANI/ The Star



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THE escalator on the Jalan Ampang link bridge in Kuala Lumpur that was damaged in a fire in March will be repaired soon.

The management of Intermark Mall said in a statement that it has appointed a vendor for the repair works and estimated the bridge to be operational by November.

The management put up a sign at the site informing pedestrians of an alternative route to get to the mall after the link bridge became impassable due to the fire on March 7.

"We received a copy of the report from the Fire and Rescue Department on March 23, classifying the cause as incendiary fire."

Incendiary fire is when a fire is deliberately set in an area.

"We have been informed by police that they arrested a suspect on March 15 in relation to this incident who was subsequently charged on April 13 under Section 435 of the Penal Code."

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Intermark Mall Management

Initially, it was believed that the escalator belonged to Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd which managed the Ampang Park LRT station but it is actually owned by **Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)**.

However, there was an agreement between DBKL and the developer of Intermark Mall for the maintenance and management of the facility.

The bridge across the busy Jalan Tun Razak and Jalan Ampang intersection was constructed in 2013 at a cost of RM5mil.