

JALAN COCHRANE

Stop-work order issued for KL project

KUALA LUMPUR: The Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) yesterday issued a stop-work order on construction activities at a building project site at Jalan Cochrane here after part of the structure collapsed on Tuesday.

Its director-general, Datuk Mohtar Musri, said investigations revealed that there was a failure in carrying out the construction work.

"Kuala Lumpur Dosh has issued a stop-work order and started a comprehensive investigation to identify the cause of the collapse," he said in a statement.



City Fire and Rescue Department personnel recovering the body of a Bangladeshi worker at a building project site in Jalan Cochrane, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday.

In the 5pm incident, four workers were levelling the floor surface on the third floor of the building when part of the structure collapsed.

Three managed to escape but one was killed as concrete and scaffolding fell on him.

Mohtar said legal action would be taken on anyone found to have breached regulations under the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994 and the Factories and Machinery Act 1967.

He said the department viewed seriously such an accident, especially when it affected workers or members of the public.

"Construction industry players are urged to improve occupational safety and health standards to prevent such an incident from recurring," he said.

City Fire and Rescue Department director Khiruddin Drahman said the body of a Bangladeshi worker was recovered at 5.23am yesterday.