



A launching gantry collapsed at a Mass Rapid Transit construction site in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. PIC BY MOHD YUSNI ARIFFIN

## LAUNCHING GANTRY

# Worker killed at MRT site

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A construction worker was killed and another injured when a launching gantry at a Mass Rapid Transit construction site in Jalan Jinjang here collapsed on Saturday night.

The Fire and Rescue Department was alerted to the incident at 11.49pm and deployed personnel from the Jinjang, Sri Hartamas and Hang Tuah stations to the scene.

City Fire and Rescue Department director Khirudin Drahan said investigations showed two victims were involved in the incident.

"Firemen used a turntable ladder to bring down the trapped victims," he said, adding that one victim died at the scene. He was identified as Mohd Firdaus Abdul Mutalib, 41.

"The surviving victim sustained injuries to his leg and was sent to Selayang Hospital.

"(A third worker who was stuck in the gantry but not injured) was brought down at 1.15am before the operation ended at 2am."

MMC-Gamuda KVMRT Sdn Bhd yesterday said the incident occurred at the construction site of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line in Jinjang.

It said a launching gantry that was being advanced from one span to the subsequent one partially fell to ground level.

"Two workers working on the launching gantry were involved in the 11.40pm incident.

"Both were rushed to hospital and one was pronounced dead upon arrival. The condition of the other worker is stable."

The company said no member of the public was involved in the incident,

which occurred at the worksite and did not affect any public area.

It said emergency services and police were contacted when the incident occurred.

MMC-Gamuda, which is the project delivery partner of the construction of the MRT SSP Line, together with project owner Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd, has launched an investigation to determine the cause of the incident.

"MMC-Gamuda wishes to state that the use of launching gantries for constructing the MRT's elevated guideway follows stringent safety procedures.

"Those that have been installed are safe. Nevertheless, as a precaution, safety checks and procedures have been stepped up at all launching gantries for the project.

"MMC-Gamuda, MRT Corp and all involved in the project extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to families of the victims.

"All support needed will be provided to the families during this difficult time."



The injured victim being strapped onto a stretcher.