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**'BOMB' KILLS 3 AND INJURES 40 IN  
STESEN SENTRAL KUALA LUMPUR  
EMERGENCY EXERCISE**

**Kuala Lumpur Sentral CBD, 6 December 2014** – A bomb explosion at the busy main concourse area in Stesen Sentral Kuala Lumpur (SSKL) killed three people and wounded at least 40 others, in an emergency response exercise named **Ex-Sentral '14** held by Semasa Sentral Sdn Bhd (SSSB), the manager of SSKL and a subsidiary of Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad (MRCB).

In the scenario for the exercise, a bag containing a bomb was left next to a flight of stairs and escalators connecting the SSKL's main concourse area to the NU Sentral shopping mall. The bomb was then detonated in this crowded section of the station, targeting the public at Malaysia's largest transportation hub.

The explosion led to the collapse of the station's high ceiling, stairs and escalators. Several retail kiosks and shops near the explosion area also suffered damages.

In the ensuing panic many who scrambled to save themselves fell and were trampled while some victims were motionless, caught in the pile of debris. The victims' moans and cry for help was heard alternately as all public transportation services leading to SSKL was immediately ceased.

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The SSSB's **Ex-Sentral** annual series of mock emergency response exercises conducted at the SSKL aims to test the overall protocol and standard operating procedures (SOPs) under the SSKL ERP, which was designed to tackle various situations from fires and mishaps to bomb threats and natural disasters.

In this year's bomb 'attack' scenario, the chain of events was set off when the SSSB Duty Officer was alerted by the Fire Control Centre (FCC) Operator about a bomb threat call received by a Customer Service Officer at the station's information counter. Reportedly, someone who sounded like a local middle aged man made the call at 1.40 a.m. and claimed that a bag containing a time bomb was left at the station and would explode at any time.

Auxiliary Police personnel were then mobilized to investigate the bomb threat. Unfortunately, the Duty Officer had to activate the D.E.A.R code (*for Drop Everything And Respond*) when the bomb exploded and the CCTV room radioed him about the resulting mayhem.

All fire, emergency, rescue and security teams under the SSKL Emergency Response Plan (SSKL ERP) were alerted within seconds after the initial shock subsided. They immediately rushed to SSKL to rescue and treat the wounded victims, evacuate those uninjured and take control of the situation by diverting traffic and controlling the crowd.

Encik Mohd Imran Tan Sri Mohamad Salim, MRCB's Group Chief Operating Officer (GCOO) said, "the exercise scenario had been specifically developed to test participants' knowledge on a variety of areas, including Command and Control and following SOPs in SSKL's ERP".



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“This will give us the opportunity to gauge the incident management and coordination between the related agencies and help us to improve our preparedness and response capabilities,” Encik Mohd Imran added.

The **Ex-Sentral '14** involved the mobilisation of 14 public agencies and SSKL's rail transport operators, comprising more than 500 personnel. Other companies, businesses and hotels in the Kuala Lumpur Sentral CBD, which were operating during the exercise, were also notified accordingly to avoid miscommunication in this highly public location.

The exercise was kicked off at 1.30 am after the ERL high speed train service ends. Fire engines and ambulances manned by uniformed personnel from the Fire and Rescue Services Department (Bomba), Kuala Lumpur Hospital and the Universiti Malaysia Medical Centre started arriving an hour earlier to prepare for the exercise.

Auxiliary Police personnel were also assigned to various locations where roadblocks were set up to direct members of the public away from the exercise area and guide them through the proper route to maneuver in and around the station.

**Ex- Sentral '14** was also held with the cooperation of the National Security Council.

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#### **About Semasa Sentral Sdn Bhd**

Semasa Sentral Sdn Bhd (Semasa Sentral) a wholly-owned subsidiary of MRCB was awarded a 15-year concession agreement to manage, operate and maintain Stesen Sentral Kuala Lumpur including M&E, retail management, event management, customer and public relations. Semasa Sentral is committed to become a world-class transportation hub management company that emphasizes on exceeding the needs and expectations of customers and stakeholders through consistent implementation of best practices.

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### **About MRCB**

MRCB is a leading urban property and infrastructure developer in the country. The Group specialises in civil, environmental and energy infrastructure development including beach rehabilitation projects, road works, road concessions, educational colleges, hospitals, power plants, and is the nation's biggest developer of high-voltage transmission networks.

As the master developer of Kuala Lumpur Sentral CBD, MRCB has constructed eight green buildings for this largest transportation hub development in Malaysia, which also has the most number of FIABCI award winning buildings in one single location. We are also the developer for the premier urban regeneration project, PJ Sentral Garden City.

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