

Glass panels falling off tower in KL raises concern

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KUALA LUMPUR: Several glass panels on the Permata Sapura Tower in Jalan Pinang near the Kuala Lumpur City Centre fell off at about 1pm yesterday.

A woman, who provided her name only as Fern, told *theSun* the panels came off the building and fell onto a common area.

"There were no enforcement authorities to manage traffic or address the issue. Even after three

hours, glass fragments continued to fall off and we were worried about public safety.

"Similar incidents have happened several times at the same building, and complaints were lodged with the management. However, the latest incident is quite serious compared with the previous ones."

Fern, who works at Menara Pinang, which is in the vicinity of Permata Sapura Tower, said according to her enquiries, more than 20 glass panels have fallen off since construction of the

building began.

She said this underscores an urgent need for the authorities to intervene and mitigate risks to public safety.

She said in yesterday's incident, a man sustained a minor cut on his left hand when broken glass fell on him as he was standing nearby.

"My colleagues and I are concerned more glass pieces will fall off the building and hit people on the ground. This is a public safety issue."

When contacted, spokesmen for Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the Jalan

Dang Wangi police station said they did not receive any reports as of 4.30pm yesterday and were unaware of the incident.

However, the City Hall spokesman said his officers will visit the site and investigate the issue as soon as formal complaints are received.

"We urge the public to lodge a complaint so we can investigate the issue."

The 252.5m building was originally known as KLCC Lot 91. It houses a convention centre and retail podiums, among others.