

Puduraya terminal to have better waiting area

KUALA LUMPUR: Express bus passengers this Hari Raya can expect a more comfortable waiting area at the Puduraya bus terminal.

This is because the mezzanine floor which is currently being up-

graded will be ready before the "balik kampung" rush.

The mezzanine floor which used to house the banks will be converted into a waiting area which can accommodate up to 700 passengers at a time.

The major facelift is part of the RM30.3 million upgrading work on the Puduraya bus terminal which is slated to be completed next year.

Federal Territories Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin said work on the refurbishment of the mezzanine floor had started even before the recent visit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"We want passengers to be comfortable at all times and that is why this section of the station will be completed before the festive season starts," he said.

The minister also refuted claims that the multi-million ringgit spent on upgrading the Puduraya bus terminal was a waste as it would cater to a



Workers to convert the mezzanine floor into the new waiting area. (Inset) Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin (second from right) during a briefing on the Puduraya bus station. — Pictures by P.C. Lim

Traffic diversion

PETALING JAYA: There will be a temporary traffic diversion in front of the Tropicana City Mall to facilitate construction of a ramp and roadworks by Tropicana City Sdn Bhd.

Motorists will be diverted to the new slip-road along Sprint Highway leading to KIP from tomorrow till Dec 14.

Tropicana City and Sprint apologise for the inconvenience caused. For details, contact Sprint Helpline at 03-7494 7333.

number of bus services.

The minister was speaking to the press after completing a two-hour walkabout at the Puduraya bus terminal and also in Petaling Street.

He was accompanied by his deputy Datuk M. Saravanan, the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Ahmad Phesal Talib, Bukit Bintang member of parliament Fong Kui Lun, City Hall mayor Datuk Ahmad Fuad Ismail,

Petaling Street Hawkers and Petty Traders Association president Datuk Ang Say Tee and City Hall officials.

Raja Nong Chik also announced that the dilapidated roof covering Petaling Street would be replaced with a roof made of sturdy polycarbonate material.

"The same material will be used to replace the canvas roofing for the stalls so that they will look uni-

formed," he said.

Raja Nong Chik said the exercise would cost around RM2 million and work on the roof replacement would begin early next month.

Ang said the replacement was timely as the roof had got worse over the years.

"It was installed in 2001 and had not been replaced since," he said. — **By Halim Said**