

Metro rail carried 3.35 lac passengers since opening

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Dhaka: The country's first metro rail carried 3.35 lac passengers till January 30, 2023.

Metro rail authorities earned BDT 2.46 crore during this time, MAN Siddique, Managing Director of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd said to the media on January 31.

He briefed media at DMTCL office ahead of the opening of construction work of the nation's first underground metro rail on February 2.

Underground metro rail construction from Feb 2

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the construction work of the country's first ever underground metro rail (MRT Line-1) on February 2.

"The Prime Minister is scheduled to inaugurate the construction works of the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line-1 at 11:00 am on February 2 at sector-4,

Purbachal," Managing Director of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited said.

He said that the government will construct 31.241-km first ever underground and elevated MRT Line-1 between Airport-Kamalapur and Purbachal-Natun Bazar-Pitalganj, Rupganj route.

The DMTCL will implement the mega project, he added.

According to the project details, as part of the MRT Line-1 plan, the first rail depot will be constructed in Pitalganj area in Narayanganj and all preparations have been completed for inauguration of construction works.

It said that part one of MRT Line-1 is: Airport Route (Airport to Kamalapur) having 19.872 km long underground with 12 stations. The part two is Purbachal Route (Natun Bazar to Pitalganj Depot, Rupganj) having 11.369 km elevated with nine stations, of which seven stations will be overhead, while Natun Bazar and Nadda stations will be underground as part of the airport route.

The managing director said the Natun Bazar station will have inter-change facility with MRT Line-5 (Northern Route) from where passengers will have scope for going to Airport route from Purbachal or Purnachal route to Airport using the inter-change.

The project details said the MRT Line-1 will take 24 minutes to travel from Dhaka airport to Kamalapur, with breaks at 12 underground stations and 20 minutes to travel from Natun Bazar to Purbachal with breaks at seven stations.

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