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There are already enquiries to book the RM18mil facility, says council president

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AMPANG Jaya municipality's first mini stadium will finally be ready next month, after an almost one-year delay from its initial completion target date. Construction of the RM18mil stadium in Pandan Perdana started in November 2015 and was supposed to be completed by May last year.

However, Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) made some tweaks to the original plan, which resulted in the deadline being pushed back by six months to November.

The council decided to add four stadium lighting masts for floodlights to provide sufficient illumination at night. This cost an extra RM3.5mil.

MPAJ president Abdul Hamid Abdul Hussain said the contractors requested for an extension, to end of this month.

"As such, the council imposed Liquidated Ascertain Damages (LAD) or late delivery compensation, on the contractors for a total of RM202,000," he said.

"The field and track section is completed but the building and infrastructure works are still ongoing.

"Electricity, water supply and sewerage pipes are being fitted now," he added.

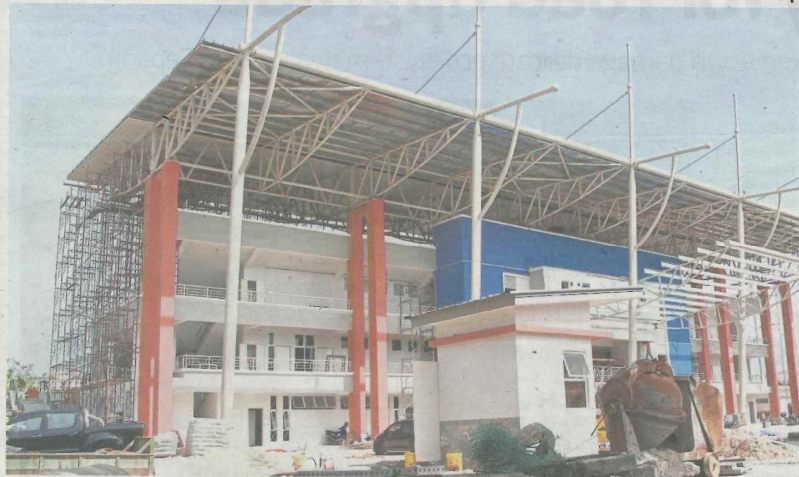
On the reasons for the delay, Abdul Hamid said factors included the weather, on-site coordination and site constraints.

"For example, when carrying out piling works, they found unexpected restrictions which caused the delay.

"We are pushing to have the project completed soon as we already have interested parties who want to use the stadium," he said, adding that MPAJ was the last local council in Selangor to have a stadium of its own.

The MPAJ mini stadium will have a 400m synthetic track, an international standard synthetic football field and a covered seating area of 1,100 seats.

There will be about 100 parking bays in the 2.43ha site along



The MPAJ mini stadium is currently in the last phase of construction with utility and infrastructure works being carried out.

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Jalan Perdana 6/3, which will be widened with an additional lane.

Restaurant owner C.K. Teh, whose premises is located nearby, said heavy vehicles travelling in and out of the area were causing inconvenience to the public.

"Sometimes cement trucks and other heavy machinery wait by the roadside before entering the site.

"This causes traffic congestion, especially during lunch time," he pointed out.

Resident Mohd Ikram, 34, expressed concern over the small number of parking spots at the stadium.

"With only 100 bays in the premises, I foresee that the surrounding business and housing areas will see a lot of indiscriminate parking when there is an event at the stadium.

"Hopefully, MPAJ enforcement officers will be strict with visitors when there is an event at the stadium," he said.



Artist's impressions showing various angles of the stadium.