

Falsification of pump maintenance

On Oct 7, flooding in the tunnel between the Bishan and Braddell MRT stations led to a 20-hour service disruption on the North-South Line. Sludge and debris had piled up in the storm water pit designed to collect and pump out rainwater. It has now been found that maintenance work scheduled for December last year, May and June on the Bishan pump system was never done.

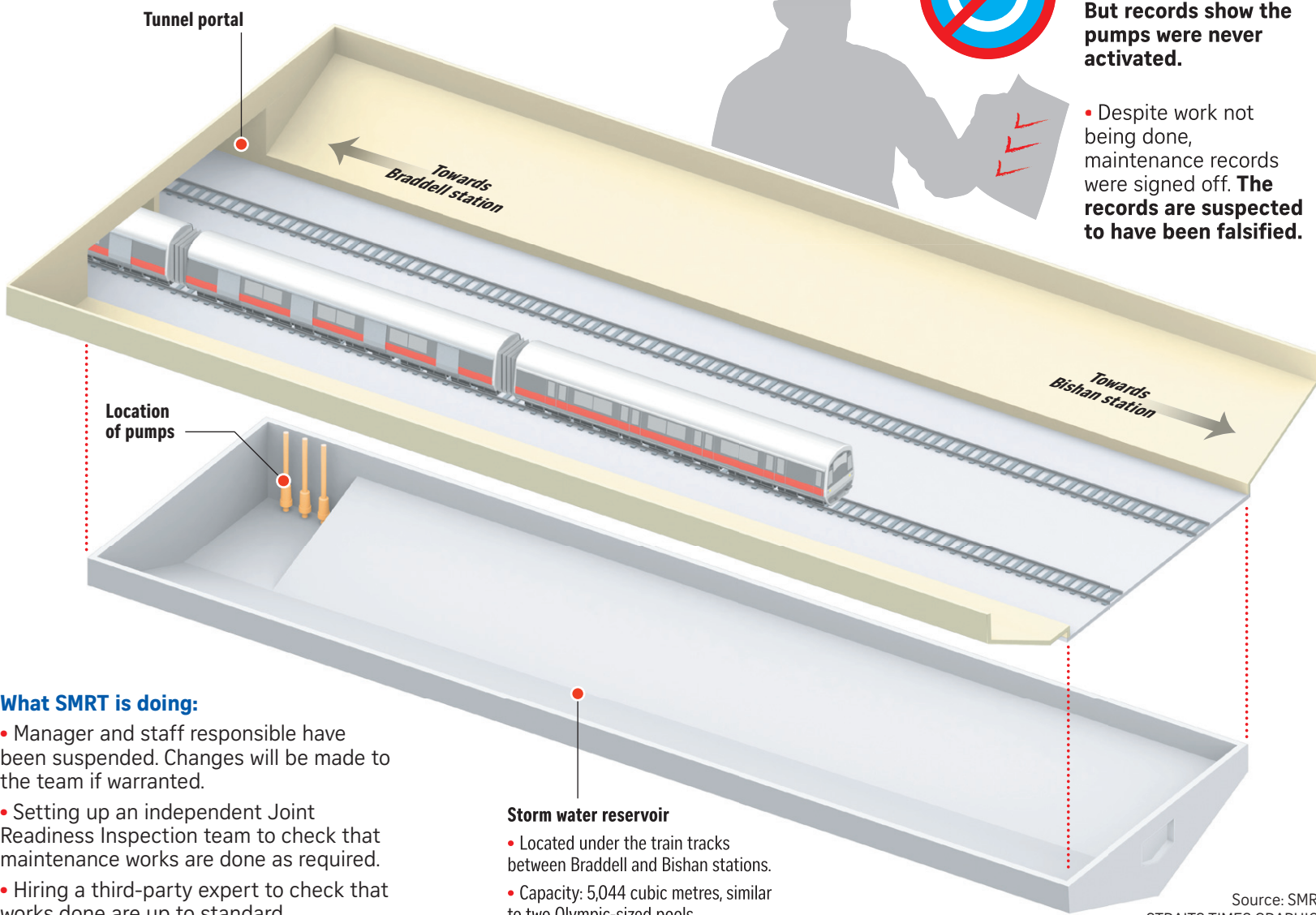


- To get to the Bishan pump system, maintenance staff have to first get permission to access the track. **But no such approvals were issued for the three dates.**



- Pumps have to be turned on as part of the maintenance work. **But records show the pumps were never activated.**

- Despite work not being done, maintenance records were signed off. **The records are suspected to have been falsified.**



What SMRT is doing:

- Manager and staff responsible have been suspended. Changes will be made to the team if warranted.
- Setting up an independent Joint Readiness Inspection team to check that maintenance works are done as required.
- Hiring a third-party expert to check that works done are up to standard.

Storm water reservoir

- Located under the train tracks between Braddell and Bishan stations.
- Capacity: 5,044 cubic metres, similar to two Olympic-sized pools.