

Metro Malfunctions for 3rd Time in June

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Technical problems continue to plague the Moscow metro as a train came to a halt on the Gray Line due to a malfunction in one of its cars, a news report said Wednesday.

The incident occurred at 7:28 a.m. when a coach's failure caused a "very brief" interruption of service, the Moscow transportation department told ITAR-TASS.

The faulty car was separated from the rest of the train and towed away to the Varshavskoye train depot for repair.

Service was fully restored by 8 a.m. and nobody fell ill during the 32-minute long wait, according to the department.

Metro's chief Ivan Besedin said the malfunction happened in an old coach manufactured 30 years ago. He said that specialists are currently trying to establish the cause of the malfunction.

This is the third incident of this nature to befall commuters on the metro since the beginning of June.

On June 5 during rush hour a short circuit in a power cable caused a fire between Okhotny Ryad and Biblioteka Imeni Lenina stations. The transit service on the Red Line was interrupted for over five hours causing a major traffic disturbances throughout the city. The incident required the evacuation of 4,500 people, while 60 passengers needed medical assistance.

In another incident on June 11 a power outage disrupted service on the Gray Line between Serpukhovskaya and Tulskaya stations. The power outage meant that 900 people on one train had to wait in the tunnel for more than an hour.

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