

'Acid' found on MRT seat likely to be cleaning chemical: Police

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SINGAPORE - The transparent liquid which left a nurse with burns when she sat on it was likely sodium hydroxide, a cleaning agent, the police said yesterday.

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Preliminary investigations revealed that the liquid substance on the seat of MRT on 2 May 2013 is likely to be sodium hydroxide, a cleaning agent.

As investigations are still ongoing, it is not appropriate to provide further details.

Police have arrested a 52-year-old man who is believed to be responsible for a case of negligent act causing hurt involving unknown substances, on board an MRT train on the North-South Line on 2 May 2013.

Upon receiving a police report, officers from Jurong Police Division conducted extensive investigations to ascertain the identity of the suspect.

The officers' determined efforts were rewarded when images of the subject were recovered from the CCTV systems.

His whereabouts were eventually ascertained and he was apprehended on 5 May at about 10.20pm.

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With regard to the other cases involving unknown substances on the seats in public transport, the Police said they do not rule out the possibility that the cases could be linked.