



Plastic Sheeting Replaces Stone Parapet Atop MTA Building

(Jan. 22) Pedestrians crossing the Transit Plaza today could see an odd sight at the top of MTA Headquarters: billowing plastic sheeting where there once was a stone parapet.

The front of the building was cordoned off last Friday, when it appeared some pieces of the 25 or so panels of stone facing were in danger of coming loose from their fastenings and falling onto the plaza.

Over the past weekend, a contractor removed the top course of stone facing from the parapet, wrapped the area in plastic for weather protection and cleaned up debris - mostly burnt insulation and wiring - from the Jan. 12 fire.

"The stone was damaged when the fire heated it and then the cold water hit it," said Dan Colonello, General Services supervisor. "Some of the pieces were cracked almost like a jigsaw puzzle."

Colonello said much of what burned was the stucco and insulation of a wall directly behind the stone parapet.

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