

AKHBAR : KOSMO
MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : SEMASA

40,000 staf Kementerian Kesihatan belum daftar sebagai pengundi

TAWAU - Kira-kira 40,000 daripada 270,000 kakitangan Kementerian Kesihatan disahkan belum mendaftar sebagai pengundi dengan Suruhanjaya Pilihan Raya (SPR).

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. Hilmi Yahya ketika mendedahkan perkara itu berkata, kakitangan yang belum mendaftar perlu segera berbuat demikian bagi menunaikan tanggungjawab mereka sebagai pemilih dalam Pilihan Raya Umum Ke-14 (PRU-14) akan datang.



HILMI YAHAYA

"Kita ada 1.6 juta kakitangan kerajaan dan kita perlu sokong kerajaan yang telah menjaga kita (kakitangan), antara lainnya kenaikan pangkat dan gaji di samping menyediakan sistem pencen dengan setiap tahun kerajaan memperuntukkan RM30 bilion bayaran pencen kepada penjawat awam yang sudah bersara," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada Program Ziarah Kasih Sayang: Misi Masuk Kampung Parlimen Tawau anjuran Pemuda UMNO Tawau dengan kerjasama Kolej Kejururawatan Tawau di sini semalam.

Pemeriksaan kesihatan penduduk di lebih 400 rumah sekitar Apas dan Balung dalam Parlimen Tawau turut diadakan bersempena program itu.

Selasa lalu, Setiausaha Suruhanjaya SPR, Datuk Abdul Ghani Salleh mendedahkan sejumlah 3.6 juta rakyat Malaysia yang berusia 21 tahun ke atas masih belum mendaftar sebagai pemilih setakat September tahun lepas.

Jumlah pengundi dalam daftar pemilih sehingga suku ketiga 2017 adalah seramai 14.8 juta orang. - Bernama

AKHBAR : SUNDAY MAIL

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : TOP NEWS

'Health, forensics experts in CMU'

KUALA LUMPUR — The proposed Custodial Medical Unit (CMU) at centralised lock-ups will eventually be extended to smaller lock-ups throughout the country, Deputy Health director-general (Medical) Datuk Dr S. Jeyaindran said.

Dr Jeyaindran, who is in charge of medical services, said for starters, resident doctors would be placed at centralised lock-ups round-the-clock.

This would eventually be extended to smaller lock-ups, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission lock-ups and Immigration Department detention centres.

"We are looking at the existing manpower and those who can be reallocated to the CMU. From there, we will decide how many more personnel we require," he said, adding there is no implementation date yet as the proposal is still under discussion.

One of the main changes would be for doctors serving in prisons to be transferred to the CMU.

Dr Jeyaindran said the CMU would overcome grey areas raised in previous death in custody cases and other cases where complaints had been lodged, adding the CMU would be a new unit under the ministry with public health, medical and forensic experts.

"Death in custody is an issue which needs to be addressed in a holistic manner to ensure that the detainee did not die as a result of abuse or due to the denial of adequate medical treatment."

The ministry was working closely with Suhakam, which originally mooted the idea, and other agencies like the Attorney-General's Chambers and the police. Dr Jeyaindran said existing laws and regulations were sufficient to accommodate the setting up of the unit.

"Under the law, a detainee must be medically examined when brought in and before they are released, but this is only practised in prisons as there is a resident doctor on duty. But at other detention centres, it is only done on a need-to-do basis."

AKHBAR : SUNDAY MAIL

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : TOP NEWS

Zahid: Cost-effective for NGOs to provide healthcare for detainees

KUALA LUMPUR — The Home Ministry may reach out to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide medical care for lock-up detainees, even as plans for a Custodial Medical Unit are being put in place to cut the number of deaths in custody.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said cost was a factor in considering the various proposals, including the CMU. Another was

whether the Health Ministry could cope with the personnel demands of the new unit.

Zahid said the ministry was concerned about how much a specialised unit would cost taxpayers.

“A cost-effective proposal is for a group of doctors, under the umbrella of an NGO, provide the service based on request by the police,” said Zahid, who is also deputy prime minister.

“The Health Ministry is already facing a shortage of doctors. Designating a team to lock-ups might not be feasible but we are not rejecting the idea completely.”

In a written reply in the Dewan Rakyat last year, Zahid said the ministry was considering placing doctors at centralised police lock-ups as part of a pilot plan to reduce the number of deaths in custody.

He said the ministry was working with the Public Service Department for

that purpose and were looking into the logistics, legalities, roster, allowance and the safety of the medical officers who will be on duty.

Zahid also said that police have revised their existing standard operating procedures in handling detainees.

The new elements included periodic medical inspections by officers from public hospitals to control the spread of infectious diseases among detainees.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : NATION

Serdang Hospital's paediatric cardiology unit hailed

SHAH ALAM: While most of us only hear about medical surgery successes in hospitals, few are aware of the "architects" behind such feats.

Realising the need to celebrate these "unsung heroes", a WhatsApp group calling itself "Safety 1st Group", honoured the paediatric cardiology unit of Selangor's Serdang Hospital yesterday.

The "unsung heroes" comprise

consultant paediatric cardiologist Dr Koh Ghee Tiong, paediatric cardiologists Dr Mohd Amin Itam and Dr Norliza Ali, and cardiac anaesthetist Dr Aizatul Isla Abdul Latib, as well as consultant cardiothoracic and congenital heart surgeon Datuk Dr Hamdan Leman.

Treated to a sumptuous lunch at Kelab Shah Alam Selangor here, they were lauded for being part of a team which successfully performed

a two-hour hybrid procedure on a 6.4kg baby boy at the Serdang Hospital on Jan 10.

(According to the Seattle Children's Hospital website, hybrid procedures are for babies with complex heart problems. The procedure can be life-saving for babies who are too sick to go through open-heart surgery or too small for typical treatments using catheters.)

In his speech, Dr Hamdan said his

team was overwhelmed by the appreciation shown by the WhatsApp group which comprises medical specialists, surgeons, police officers, scientists and lecturers nationwide.

"We are not used to this kind of appreciation because we are just doing our daily job. On behalf of my team, I would like to sincerely thank all of you," he said to applause from 30 members of the group who were present at the event. — Bernama