

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : KESIHATAN

Lebih separuh penerima organ hidup lebih 10 tahun

➔ NGO, agensi kerajaan, swasta diminta pupuk kesedaran dalam kalangan generasi muda

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Putrajaya

Lebih 50 peratus pesakit yang menerima rawatan pemindahan organ di negara ini dapat meneruskan kehidupan mereka lebih daripada 10 tahun.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Hilmi Yahaya, berkata walaupun kadar kejayaan pemindahan organ disifatkan tinggi, namun penderma organ di Malaysia masih rendah, hanya 1.2 peratus daripada keseluruhan penduduk. Beliau berkata, antara halangan

utama pendermaan organ ialah salah tanggapan, beranggapan agama melarang, jenazah akan cacat dan tidak tahu hasrat ahli keluarga yang meninggal dunia.

Pupuk kesedaran derma organ

"Justeru, saya minta lebih banyak badan bukan kerajaan (NGO), agensi kerajaan dan syarikat swasta membantu mempromosi dan memupuk kesedaran derma organ terutama dalam kalangan golongan muda.

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Fakta
nombor

21,973 PESAKIT

menunggu pemindahan buah pinggang daripada penderma

1.2 PERATUS

daripada keseluruhan rakyat Malaysia iktir sebagai penderma organ

(FOTO MOHD FADLI HAMZAH/BH)



Dr Hilmi meninjau gerai pameran selepas merasmikan program 6km Let's Save Lives Fun Run, Jog and Walk sempena Minggu Kesedaran Perdermaan Organ di Putrajaya, semalam.

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"Pesakit yang mengalami kegagalan organ pada peringkat akhir hanya boleh diselamatkan melalui rawatan pemindahan organ, sama ada ketika hidup atau daripada individu yang meninggal dunia," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas melancarkan program 6km Let's Save Lives Fun Run, Jog and Walk sempena Minggu Kesedaran Perdermaan Organ di Presint 2 di sini, semalam.

Terus program turun padang

Yang turut hadir ialah Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Bertindak Kesedaran Awam Pendermaan Organ Ke-

bangsaan, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye.

Sementara itu, Lam Thye berkata, pihaknya bekerjasama dengan beberapa NGO dalam usaha meningkatkan lagi kadar pendermaan organ di negara ini, selain meneruskan program turun padang yang dilihat berhasil dalam meningkatkan kesedaran masyarakat.

"Satu caranya kita mahu mendapatkan bantuan sektor swasta. Baru-baru ini, kita bekerjasama dengan PLUS Malaysia Berhad yang membantu mengedarkan risalah mengenai kepentingan pendermaan organ kepada pengguna lebuhraya," katanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 68

RUANGAN : SETEMPAT



SEBAHAGIAN peserta yang mengambil bahagian pada program 6km Let's Save Lives Fun Run, Jog and Walk sempena Pelancaran Minggu Kesedaran Penderma Organ 2017 di Putrajaya, semalam.

Seru lebih ramai masyarakat ikrar derma organ

Putrajaya: Anggapan agama melarang, jenazah akan menjadi cacat dan tidak tahu hasrat ahli keluarga yang meninggal dunia antara halangan utama pendermaan organ di negara ini.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Datuk Seri Dr Hilmi Yahya berkata, sehingga kini kesedaran masyarakat untuk menjadi penderma organ masih rendah iaitu hanya 1.3 peratus yang berikrar

sebagai penderma organ.

"Pendermaan organ dari segi hukum diharuskan bagi masyarakat Islam dan memang sudah ada fatwa, tetapi masyarakat masih lagi tidak memahami dan kurang pengetahuan mengenai perkara ini.

"Oleh itu, kami mahu masyarakat di negara ini terutama golongan muda tampil berikrar menjadi penderma organ," katanya ketika dite-

mui selepas melancarkan program 6KM Let's Save Lives Fun Run, Jog and Walk sempena sambutan Minggu Kesedaran Pendermaan Organ (MPKO) 2017, di sini, semalam.

Hadir sama Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Bertindak Kesedaran Awam Pendermaan Organ Kebangsaan, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye.

Hilmi berkata, seorang penderma boleh menyelamatkan banyak nyawa dan

secara purata lebih 50 peratus pesakit yang menerima rawatan pemindahan organ meneruskan kehidupan lebih 10 tahun.

Menurutnya, sehingga September lalu, jumlah pesakit yang sedang menunggu untuk mendapatkan organ di negara ini adalah sebanyak 21,973 individu dan buah pinggang mencatatkan jumlah tertinggi iaitu 21,954 pesakit.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 16

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penderma organ belia masih tidak ramai

INFO

- 2.2 peratus berusia 40 tahun ke atas

- 10.1 peratus kelompok 18 tahun ke atas

PUTRAJAYA - Kementerian Kesihatan menggesa lebih ramai golongan muda tampil menjadi pengikrar penderma organ bersempena kempen Minggu Kesedaran Pendermaan Organ yang sedang berlangsung.

Timbalan Menteri, Datuk Seri Dr Hilmi Yahaya berkata, ketika ini seramai 397,476 orang atau 1.2 peratus daripada penduduk di negara ini mendaftar sebagai pengikrar, dengan 22.2 peratus adalah mereka berusia

40 tahun ke atas dan 10.1 peratus kelompok 18 tahun ke atas.

"Walaupun ada yang mengikrar, tetapi tahap kesedaran dalam kalangan masyarakat terutama generasi muda masih rendah, sedangkan dalam proses ini, ikrar daripada penderma muda amat diperlukan atas sebab-sebab tertentu.

"Kita tidak faham kenapa ada orang muda memilih tidak tampil ke depan untuk menderma. Mungkin ada yang bimbang atau belum faham sepenuhnya prosedur pengambilan organ selepas mengikrar sebagai penderma," katanya kepada pemberita di sini, semalam.

Beliau sebelum itu melepaskan peserta 'Let's Save

**DR HILMI**

Lives' bersempena pelancaran sambutan Minggu Kesedaran Pendermaan Organ peringkat kebangsaan yang turut dihadiri Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Bertindak Kesedaran Awam Pendermaan Organ, Tan Sri Lee

Lam Thye.

Sementara itu, Lam Thye berkata dalam usaha meningkatkan pengikrar, jawatankuasa berkenaan dan beberapa badan bukan kerajaan mengambil beberapa pendekatan termasuk melakukan kempen jalaran di setiap negeri.

Menurutnya, kempen tersebut mendapat respons memberangsangkan daripada masyarakat yang mula memahami isu-isu berkaitan pendermaan organ.

"Kita juga mendapat kerjasama daripada Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan (Plus) yang membenarkan juru tol menyebarkan risalah mengenai pendermaan organ kepada pengguna lebuhraya itu," katanya. *- Bernama*

AKHBAR : MALAY MAIL

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : TOP NEWS

Deputy Health Minister denies supporting fake dentist

PETALING JAYA — The office of Deputy Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Hilmi Yahaya has denied he or anyone from the ministry has endorsed or supported any individual or group found guilty of breaking the law.

"This administration would like to refer to postings on social media which claim the deputy minister supported an individual who has been sentenced by the court for practising illegal dental services.

"In relation to that, the deputy minister or any other member of this administration does not support or compromise with any person or group who has broken the laws of country," the personal assistant to the deputy minister, Aziaan Ariffin, said in a statement.

The statement follows messages on social media alleging Hilmi had shown his support towards Nur Farahanis Ezatty, 20, who was sentenced by the Melaka Sessions Court on Sept 29 for running a private dental clinic which was not registered under the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 1998.

Nur Farahanis served six days of her six-month jail term for failing to pay a RM70,000 fine.

The fine was settled by the Muslim Consumers Association of Malaysia (PPIM) and the Malaysia Islamic Economic Activist Organisation (PPEM).

The organisations ran a public campaign to raise funds for Nur Farahanis to pay the fine.

In response to the campaign, the Malaysian Association of Orthodontists (MAO) said it sent the wrong message to the public.

Its president Dr Noraini Alwi said in a statement the public was mostly unaware of the differences between specialist orthodontists, dentists and laypersons providing dental specialist services, such as orthodontics.

She said it was also unacceptable dental procedures could be carried out by anyone with some amount of intelligence, as implied by PPIM.

"Those who put them on are irresponsible people who, under the pretext of 'helping friends or other Malaysians get access to such treatment' are nothing more than people seeking

commercial gain.

"If care is not taken in the diagnosis, treatment, planning and case management of any orthodontic case, the patient may suffer dire consequences, such as damage to the teeth, gums and supporting bone, which may be irreversible."

The MAO strongly advised the public not to be duped by such illegal practices.

"Seek a legitimate dental practitioner for your dental needs and a specialist orthodontist for your orthodontic needs."

The public is advised to visit the MAO's website at www.mao.org.my for information on orthodontics and a nationwide list of specialist orthodontist members.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 12

RUANGAN : NEW/NATION

LIFE-CHANGING DECISION

Donor's parents moved to make pledge

GEORGE TOWN: A. Tiruna Garasu, 50, had a change of heart about organ donation after his son, Kiran Arasu, 20, agreed to donate his organs before he died in an accident last year.

Tiruna was reluctant to allow the hospital to take his son's organs, but he eventually agreed to honour his son's last wish.

Then he visited the Transplant Resource Centre at Penang Hospital to ask about the patients who might have received his son's organs.

This was when he, along with his wife, made the life-changing decision to become organ donors.

"The doctors told me that my son's organs would help give many, including children, pregnant women or even accident victims, a second chance at life.

"Today, my son is alive in these people through his organs.

"His decision opened my eyes, and, today, my wife and I are organ donors," said Tiruna at the Fun Walk held in conjunction

with the state-level Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week in Lebuh Pantai here yesterday.

Tiruna, who was invited to speak about his decision to become an organ donor, said he hoped that his story would motivate others to sign up as organ donors.

"There is a lack of awareness and I hope more will sign up. It is a precious gift that we can give to others when we are no longer in this world," he added.



A. Tiruna Garasu speaking about his son's organ donation in George Town yesterday. PIC BY MIKAIL ONG

The latest statistics from the National Transplant Resource Centre show that although the number of Malaysians who

pledged their organs is high, the actual number of organ donations has plunged in the last three years.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 17

RUANGAN : NATION

Donating dead son's organs opens dad's eyes

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GEORGE TOWN: Driver A. Tiruna Garasu realises the true value of saving another person's life after his late son's organs were donated last year.

Tiruna, 50, said he and his wife were heartbroken when they lost their eldest child T. Kiran Arasu, 20, in a road accident last November.

"We decided to donate his organs although we did not know much about the procedure then.

"Right before he breathed his last, we decided to donate his organs so part of him would live on in others.

"Many supported our decision, but there were others who said we should not have done it.

"I even asked myself if I had done the right thing.

"We later received a letter from the National Transplant Resource Centre (NTRC) saying that my son's organs and tissues were successfully used to save and help many lives," he said during the "Let's Save Lives"

event to mark Organ Donation Awareness Week, held at Beach Street.

Tiruna said he then felt that his son's life was no longer short-lived and he had served a purpose.

"I visited the state Transplant Resource Centre and found out that by donating my son's organs, it helped children, accident victims and expectant mothers.

"I realise there is not much awareness about organ donation and how many lives we can help and change.

"My wife and I also decided to become organ donors today.

"We want to encourage people to pledge to donate their organs too," said the father of five.

The event, organised by Penang Hospital's Transplant Resource Centre in collaboration with St John Ambulance Penang, also saw a Fun Walk with over 400 participants, a CPR training session and free health screenings.

The centre's chairman Datuk Dr Zahari Noor said although organ donation pledges were increasing,

the number of actual donors had decreased over the years.

"Based on statistics from NTRC as of July 31 this year, there are 393,221 registered organ donation pledgers, but over the years the actual number of organ donors has decreased.

"In 2015, there were 71 organ donations made nationwide, in

2016 there were 39 and so far this year, there have been 17 organ donations.

"Most of the time family members are not aware that the person who has passed away was an organ donor, so the funeral is conducted without informing the hospital.

"In Malaysia, even if the deceased is an organ donor, their family

members still have a say over whether their organs can be donated.

"When you become an organ donor, it is important to inform your family of your wishes.

"This is one of the reasons why there is a huge gap between pledgers and actual organ donors," he said.



Lifesavers:
Tiruna and his wife S. Mala showing their cards, after pledging to donate their organs.