

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 16

RUANGAN : ISU

KES WARGA SINGAPURA MATI DI JOHOR BAHRU

Kementerian hantar surat kekesalan kena fitnah

Portal tak bertanggungjawab siar berita tanpa periksa fakta

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Kluang

Kementerian Kesihatan akan menghantar surat rasmi kepada Singapura bagi menyatakan rasa tidak puas hati dan kesal susulan tindakan sebuah portal berita republik itu memfitnah perkhidmatan kesihatan dan kakitangan perubatan Malaysia.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr S Subramanian, berkata perbincangan diadakan dengan Kementerian Luar bagi merangka draf dan menghantar surat rasmi berkenaan dalam tempoh terdekat.

Katanya, surat berkenaan akan diserahkan kepada Pesuruhjaya Tinggi Singapura di Malaysia secepat mungkin dan pada masa sama, kementerian akan berbincang dengan peguam untuk tindakan lanjut.

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AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

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Laporan tak berasas

Kementerian Kesihatan tak puas hati laporan portal Singapura mengenai kematian seorang rakyat republik itu

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KLUANG- Kementerian Kesihatan akan menghantar surat rasmi kepada Kerajaan Singapura bagi menyatakan rasa tidak puas hati atas laporan tidak berasas sebuah portal mengenai kematian seorang rakyat republik berkenaan.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr S Subramaniam berkata, beliau akan berbincang dengan pihak perundangan kementeriannya dan Kementerian Luar bagi menangani isu berkenaan.

Katanya, surat tersebut akan dihantar menerusi Kementerian Luar dalam masa terdekat.

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"Selepas itu, terpulang kepada Kerajaan Singapura mengenai apa yang perlu dilakukan mereka," katanya pada sidang media pada Majlis Bumi Poojai Dan Upacara Peletakan Batu Asas Bangunan Baru Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan (SJK) Tamil Ladang Niyor, Kluang,



Dr Subramaniam (depan, dua dari kanan) ketika sidang media, semalam.

di sini, semalam.

Turut hadir, Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan 1, Datuk P Kamalanathan; Pengurusi Perhubungan MIC negeri, Datuk S Asojan dan Pengurusi Jawatankuasa Perpaduan dan Sumber Manusia Negeri, R Vidyananthan.

Khamis lalu, artikel The Independent menyatakan kenyataan mengenai ambulans Hospital Sultanah Aminah (HSA) di sinilah lewat memberikan respons sehingga 30

minit terhadap laporan kemalangan membabitkan seorang rakyat Singapura pada 25 Ogos lepas.

Artikel itu mendakwa kelewatan itu menjelaskan usaha membawa mangsa berusia 25 tahun itu mendapatkan rawatan segera di hospital.

Selain itu, artikel berkenaan mendakwa pihak HSA menuntut sejumlah wang deposit daripada keluarga mangsa sebelum membenarkan sebarang rawatan dijalankan.

- Artikel The Independent siar kenyataan mengenai ambulans Hospital Sultanah Aminah lewat respons terhadap laporan kemalangan membabitkan rakyat Singapura pada 25 Ogos lepas.

belum ketibaan waris dan anggota keluarga dari Singapura," katanya.

Beliau turut menegaskan masalah komunikasi yang timbul kerana kaitangan hospital berbahasa Melayu juga tidak boleh dijadikan alasan kerana mana-mana hospital di dunia menggunakan bahasa ibunda mereka sendiri.

Namun, katanya, perkara itu boleh diperbaiki pada masa depan dengan komunikasi lebih efektif.

Apabila ditanya adakah portal terbabit perlu memohon maaf atas artikel tersebut, Dr Subramaniam berkata, aspek itu akan dicadangkan beliau menerusi surat rasmi yang akan dianjurkan.

AKHBAR : KOSMO**MUKA SURAT : 4****RUANGAN : SEMASA**

KKM akan hantar surat kepada Singapura

Tak puas hati isu berita tanpa fakta

KLUANG — Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) akan menghantar surat rasmi kepada Singapura bagi menyatakan rasa tidak puas hati berhubung penyiaran berita tanpa fakta sebenar mengenai perkhidmatan kesihatan dan perubatan negara ini oleh sebuah portal berita di republik itu.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam berkata, surat itu akan dihantar dalam masa terdekat selepas pihaknya berbincang dengan bahagian perundungan menterianya dan Kementerian Luar.

"Surat kepada Singapura itu (akan) menyatakan mengenai perasaan dan pandangan kita terhadap apa yang dilakukan portal terbabit.

"Selepas itu terpulang kepada pemrintah Singapura mengenai apa yang perlu dilakukan mereka," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan majlis peletakan batu asas pembinaan Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil Ladang Nyior di Sri Lalang di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian bagi mengulas laporan portal berita *The Independent* yang menyebut ambulans Hospital Sultanah Aminah (HSA) di Johor Bahru lewat memberikan respons sehingga 30 minit terhadap laporan kemalangan membabitkan seorang rakyat Singapura pada 25 Ogos lalu.

Pihak HSA juga didakwa menuntut sejumlah wang deposit daripada keluarga mangsa sebelum membenarkan sebarang rawatan dijalankan.

Dalam kemalangan itu, mangsa, Justinian Tan, 25, dipercayai dilanggar



KERATAN *Kosmo!* semalam.

oleh sebuah kereta Proton Saga di Jalan Dato Abdullah Tahir, Johor Bahru ketika dia bersama lima rakaunya menuju ke kenderaan mereka selepas sesesai makan.

Mangsa meninggal dunia di Hospital Besar Singapura pada 28 Ogos lalu selepas tiga hari warisnya memindahkan lelaki itu dari HSA.

Bagaimanapun, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah kelmarin menafikan semua dakwaan itu.

Sementara itu, seorang lelaki berusia 30-an yang dipercayai melanggar lari Justinian hingga menyebabkan kematiannya telah ditahan di sekitar Johor pulak 3 pagi kelmarin.

Ketua Polis Johor, Datuk Mohd. Khalil Kader Mohd. memberitahu, lelaki terbabit telah dibebaskan dengan jaminan polis semalam setelah beberapa tindakan diambil.

"Keretanya juga masih kita rampas untuk pemeriksaan lanjut dan kertas siasatan akan diserahkan kepada pihak pendakwa raya sebaik siasatan lengkap," katanya ketika dihubungi.

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA**MUKA SURAT : 13****RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI**

Hantar surat kepada Singapura, mohon portal minta maaf

KLUANG 2 Sept. - Kementerian Kesihatan akan menghantar surat rasmi kepada kerajaan Singapura berhubung isu dakwaan sebuah hospital kerajaan lewat memberi rawatan dan meminta sejumlah wang deposit daripada rakyat republik itu yang mengalami kemalangan baru-baru ini, dalam masa terdekat.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam berkata, surat rasmi tersebut bagi menyatakan perasaan dan pandangan pihaknya berkaitan isu itu yang dilaporkan tanpa fakta benar seperti disiaran sebuah portal berita negara jiran berkenaan.

Menurutnya, perbincangan dengan pihak perundangan kemen-

terian itu dan Kementerian Luar akan dijalankan dalam usaha menangani isu berkenaan, sekali gus menghantar surat rasmi dengan segera kepada Singapura.

"Surat kepada kerajaan Singapura itu bagi menyatakan perasaan dan pandangan kita terhadap perkara tersebut. Kita akan bincang dengan pihak perundangan kementerian dan Kementerian Luar bagaimana mahu menangani isu berkenaan.

"Jadi, isu kita mengabaikan proses pemberian rawatan kerana isu bayaran... perkara itu perlu diperbetulkan," katanya selepas majlis peletakan batu asas pembinaan Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan

Tamil (SJKT) Ladang Nyior di Sri Lalang di sini hari ini.

Subramaniam yang juga Presiden MIC merujuk laporan *The Independent* yang mendakwa ambulans Hospital Sultanah Aminah (HSA) di Johor Bahru lewat memberikan maklum balas sehingga 30 minit terhadap laporan kemalangan melibatkan seorang rakyat Singapura pada 25 Ogos lepas.

Kelewatan itu, dakwa artikel berkenaan, menjejaskan usaha membawa mangsa, Justinian Tan, 25, dan rakannya, Brandon Yeo, 24, mendapatkan rawatan di hospital dengan segera, selain HSA turut menutut sejumlah wang deposit sebelum membenarkan

sebarang rawatan diberikan.

Dalam pada itu, Subramaniam yang mengutuk perbuatan tidak bertanggungjawab portal tersebut dengan menyatakan laporan tidak berdasas, sekali gus akan mencadangkan permohonan maaf dibuat menerusi surat rasmi yang akan dihantar.

"Perkara pokoknya, ambulans sudah dihantar serta-merta. Tuduhan menyatakan kakitangan hospital enggan membuat rawatan jika bayaran tidak dibuat juga tidak berdasas berikutan rawatan kecemasan sudah diberikan kepada mangsa sebelum ketibaan waris dan ahli keluarga dari Singapura," katanya.

AKHBAR : THE STAR**MUKA SURAT : 5****RUANGAN : NATIONS**

We'll be lodging a report, says Subra

Minister: Complaint will be submitted to Singapore over portal's fake news on accident

PETALING JAYA: An official complaint will be lodged with the Singapore Government over a baseless allegation by portal *independent.sg* about the death of hit-and-run victim Justinian Tan, said Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S Subramaniam.

He said the letter to express discontent over the article would be submitted after a discussion with the Foreign Ministry's legal department.

The letter will relay our feelings and views on the actions of the portal.

"It is up to the Singaporean Government to decide on the next course of action," said Dr Subramaniam, who lashed out at the portal for its "irresponsible" reporting.

In their article, *theindependent.sg*

said an ambulance took 30 minutes to arrive at the accident scene along Jalan Dato Abdullah Tahir, in Taman Abad, on Aug 25.

Singaporean Tan and his five friends were walking to their car after having supper when he and another friend were reportedly hit from behind by a Malaysian-registered car which did not stop.

The report, based on information provided by one of Tan's friends, also claimed the Sultanah Aminah Hospital (HSA) had demanded a deposit from the victim's friends before treating the patient.

Tan died at about 12.30am on Aug 30 at the Singapore General Hospital, when he was taken off life support.

On Friday, Health Ministry director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham

Abdullah denied there was any delay or demand of payment before Tan was treated.

From ambulance service records, Dr Noor Hisham said the emergency call was made at 2.57am on Aug 25 and the ambulance left two minutes later, arrived at the scene at 3.10am and left with the patient at 3.15am.

Dr Noor Hisham said Tan was admitted to the Red Zone upon arrival at the Emergency Department and Advanced Trauma Life Support protocol, which was already initiated by the ambulance team earlier.

"It is important to note that the emergency imaging and treatments required were not withheld or delayed," said Dr Noor Hisham.

Tan's friend, Joshua De Rozario

later told *The Straits Times* there could have been a "miscommunication" with HSA staff.

"When the accident happened, a lot of things were going on at once, so the wait for help to come felt really long then. I thought it took 30 minutes but their logs said differently," said De Rozario.

"There were quite a lot of people there and someone called the ambulance. We were in a distressed situation and didn't know what to do. In that situation, I didn't have a sense of the time and it did feel like 30 minutes."

He said when they got to the hospital, staff immediately treated Tan but were speaking in Malay.

As De Rozario and his friends could not understand the staff, they had difficulties communicating.

"What I heard was that we had to pay and in cash – it couldn't be in card. We didn't have much money on us so we had to go find an ATM. From our point of view then, it felt like we had to pay first," he said.

"Nothing was really communicated properly so it could have been a miscommunication. We didn't even know where he was at the time, but after we paid they told us to go to the red zone."

De Rozario added: "Truth be told, I don't know and I can't comment on whether the hospital did all they could. I'm not medically trained and we had communication problems because we did not speak much Malay. So we thought it was better to bring him back. Perhaps there were things lost in translation."

AKHBAR : MALAY MAIL**MUKA SURAT : 10****RUANGAN : MERDEKA**

Car driver who rammed into S'poreans held

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JOHOR BARU — Police have arrested the driver of a car believed to have crashed into a group of Singaporeans, killing one and injuring another, last week.

State traffic chief Superintendent Dzulkhairi Mukhtar said the driver, who lodged a report seven hours after the incident on Aug 25, remained in custody to facilitate an investigation for reckless driving and causing death.

In his report, the 36-year-old supervisor said he was driving along Jalan Dato' Abdullah Tahir on his way home from Plaza DNP when the incident took place.

The driver said his car's bumper, lamp, windscreen, roof and side windows were damaged.

Dzulkhairi denied claims over social media traffic police personnel at the scene instructed the victims' friends to wash off bloodstains on the road.

"I assure the public the allegations are baseless as Johor traffic police are professional when discharging their duties," he said.

In the pre-dawn accident, accounting student Justinian Tan, 25, suffered serious head injuries, and was pronounced dead at Singapore General Hospital on Aug 30 after he was taken off life support.

His friend Brandon Yeo, 24, suffered a broken thigh bone.

The duo and four others had driven across the Causeway to Johor for supper.

Postings on the incident went viral over social media on Aug 31 after "The Independent" news portal reported the ambulance from Hospital Sultanah Aminah took 30 minutes to respond to the emergency call.

In a posting, the victims' friends also claimed hospital staff demanded cash payment before they could proceed with treatment.

On Friday, Health Ministry director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah denied the claims after verifying a preliminary report based on the incident timeline from the hospital.

The reports by the Singaporeans led to widespread condemnation, but a friend of the victims, who identified himself as Joshua De Rozario, admitted that problems at the hospital could have been because of miscommunication and language issues.

The Health Ministry will be writing a formal letter to Singapore to express its dissatisfaction over the "baseless rumours" against the hospital.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramanian said the ministry would also consult its lawyers on possible legal action as the allegations had tarnished the country's image and the reputation of its healthcare workers, who worked hard to save Tan.