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Although Malaysia is said to be moving towards a total ban on vape sales and use, no timeline or details have been provided yet. — MARY CHE ANI/THE SUN

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PETALING JAYA: Mixed messages from Putrajaya on the future of vaping have left both industry players and consumers bewildered, with the Malaysian Vape Chamber of Commerce (MVCC) warning of legal and economic uncertainties.

Its secretary-general Ridhwan Rosli said the Finance Ministry is considering a "pro-health" excise hike on vape liquids - currently taxed at 40sen per millilitre - while the Health Ministry appears to be pushing for a nationwide phase-out.

"The Finance Ministry was talking about raising taxes and suddenly the Health Ministry is talking about banning vape through Cabinet. That would go against Act 852."

Act 852 of the Control of Smoking Products for Public Health Act 2024 sets out strict rules on advertising, packaging, point-of-sale displays and the sale of tobacco and vape products to minors.

Ridhwan stressed that under this framework, the Cabinet cannot simply impose a nationwide ban without first amending the legislation.

Vape limbo, conflicting signals from ministries stir confusion

» Industry and consumers caught in policy crossfire as mixed messages spark fears of job losses, legal challenges and economic fallout: Experts

"At present, state governments can only limit retail licences, not contradict federal law. Some states that tried tougher restrictions have already faced legal challenges.

"Wherever cigarettes can be sold - at petrol stations or 24-hour minimarts - vape can technically be sold too."

The chamber, he added, is "just as confused" as consumers, accusing ministries of trying to appease

"different groups" instead of presenting a clear policy.

The Health Ministry has said Malaysia is "moving towards" a total ban on vape sales and use but has yet to give a timeline or details.

Universiti Putra Malaysia's Putra Business School associate professor Dr Ida Md Yasin said the government must coordinate its ministries before making announcements.

"Sometimes a minister gives an

opinion on the spot and it gets publicised before any real discussion. That's when confusion happens."

From a fiscal perspective, Ida argued that higher excise duties alone would not curb use.

"Vapes and cigarettes are highly addictive. No matter how much tax we impose, people will still buy them. Sharp price hikes could even drive smuggling, just like illicit drugs," she warned.

She described the proposed "pro-health tax" as part of a broader effort to govern addictive products, including sugary foods and online gaming.

"Governments have a responsibility to protect society from addiction, whether it's nicotine, sugar or digital habits."

Ida also cautioned that banning vape while leaving cigarettes untouched would only benefit tobacco companies.

While revenue from vape and tobacco duties is modest compared with the national budget, she noted the long-term health burden is substantial.

"The government must lead but individuals must also care for their

own health," she said.

Citing Malaysia's now widely observed smoke-free restaurant rules, she said: "You can see the health difference. Malaysia has made progress, but we must do more."

Whether through taxes, regulation or prohibition, Ida said policies must be consistent and comprehensive.

"Don't just ban vape. Cigarettes are no better. If we want a healthier future, we need clear, united action from all ministries and from society itself."

On the ground, vape retailers are already feeling the pinch.

In Penang, several shop workers said orders for new stock had been halted since the government's proposal was floated.

At Bandar Perda, Bukit Mertajam, an employee known only as Amirul said: "If the sale of vapes is prohibited, the shop will close and six of us will lose our income."

Another worker, Haris Mohd Izham, 26, said his boss had stopped purchasing devices and flavour stock altogether.

"We're just waiting for instructions on whether to run clearance promotions to sell what's left."

Minister orders redesign of power system following KLIA Terminal 2 blackout

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disrupted, but Loke criticised the response, calling the 28 minutes it took to restore electricity "very long and difficult to accept".

KLIA, which handles tens of millions of passengers annually, has faced infrastructure hiccups in recent years - from baggage handling snags

Paramedic Bill to uplift medical assistants

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PETALING JAYA: The proposed Paramedic Practitioners Bill is expected to have six key elements that would improve regulation of the medical assistant's profession.

According to the Health Ministry's Medical Practice Division's consultation paper for the drafting of the Bill sighted by *The Star*, the proposed legislation would further empower the Medical Assistant Board (LPP) in terms of enhancing governance and improving regulation of the paramedic profession.

Established under the Medical Assistants (Registration) Act 1977 (Act 180), the LPP is the official regulatory body for Medical Assistants (MA) in Malaysia.

A slew of provisions will be included towards this end, including providing the LPP with more authority to register paramedic practitioners and recognition of specialisation in areas of expertise.

Aside from that, a temporary practice certification will also be issued to foreign paramedics practising in Malaysia.

There will also be provisions to

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Medical Practice Division

retain the names of practitioners in the board's register.

"This is a board initiative to support practitioners who will be abroad for extended periods for various reasons, such as pursuing further studies or accompanying their spouse," read the consultation paper.

In addition to a Certificate of Practice for each registered paramedic practitioner, competency monitoring will be a critical component included to ensure service quality and patient safety.

The fifth core policy involves the addition of disciplinary powers for the board, enabling disciplinary action to be taken against registered paramedic practitioners

involved in malpractice.

"Currently, the board cannot take any such action due to the absence of such provisions in Act 180," read the paper.

"The sixth core policy introduces enforcement powers. These new provisions will protect the public from irresponsible parties, such as fake practitioners and employers who hire unregistered practitioners, which may pose risks to patient health and safety.

"This provision also helps safeguard the professional image from being tarnished by the actions of irresponsible individuals," it added.

The division said the new legislation is required as Act 180,

which has been in effect for four decades, was no longer "comprehensive" and is inadequate to address current issues and challenges concerning the medical assistant profession.

"The profession has evolved in tandem with rapid developments in the healthcare field. This evolution has involved not just a change in the name of the profession but also in training and responsibilities," said the division.

"When the profession was known as Apothecary, training was limited to pharmacy, basic medical knowledge, prescription issuance and wound management.

"Upon transitioning to the title of MA, both training and responsibilities were upgraded accordingly. MAs can perform tasks autonomously within a defined scope or under the supervision of a medical officer," it added.

It said MAs' core duties encompassed pre-hospital care service, conducting diagnostic tests and screenings; handling medical equipment to support treatment and rehabilitation processes; and offering health advice, including managing public health programmes at the community level.

"However, the current provisions in Act 180 are now too basic and insufficient to address the rapid advancements of the MA profession due to progress in medical technology.

"Hence, there is an urgent need to establish a Paramedic Practitioners Bill that is more comprehensive, relevant and aligned with current international standards," it said.

For MA, the Bill will provide better regulation of the profession through a more comprehensive legislative framework; improve career pathways for paramedic practitioners through recognition of specialisations; and ensure professional development at the international level through rebranding of the profession's name in line with the World Health Organisation's health occupation classification.

Patients stand to benefit as their safety would be assured through quality healthcare service. The government will be able to realise the national health reform agenda.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said in March that the Bill is expected to be tabled in Parliament in the first quarter of next year.

Ahli keluarga kesan scammer guna gambar mendiang sepupu mohon dana RM80,000

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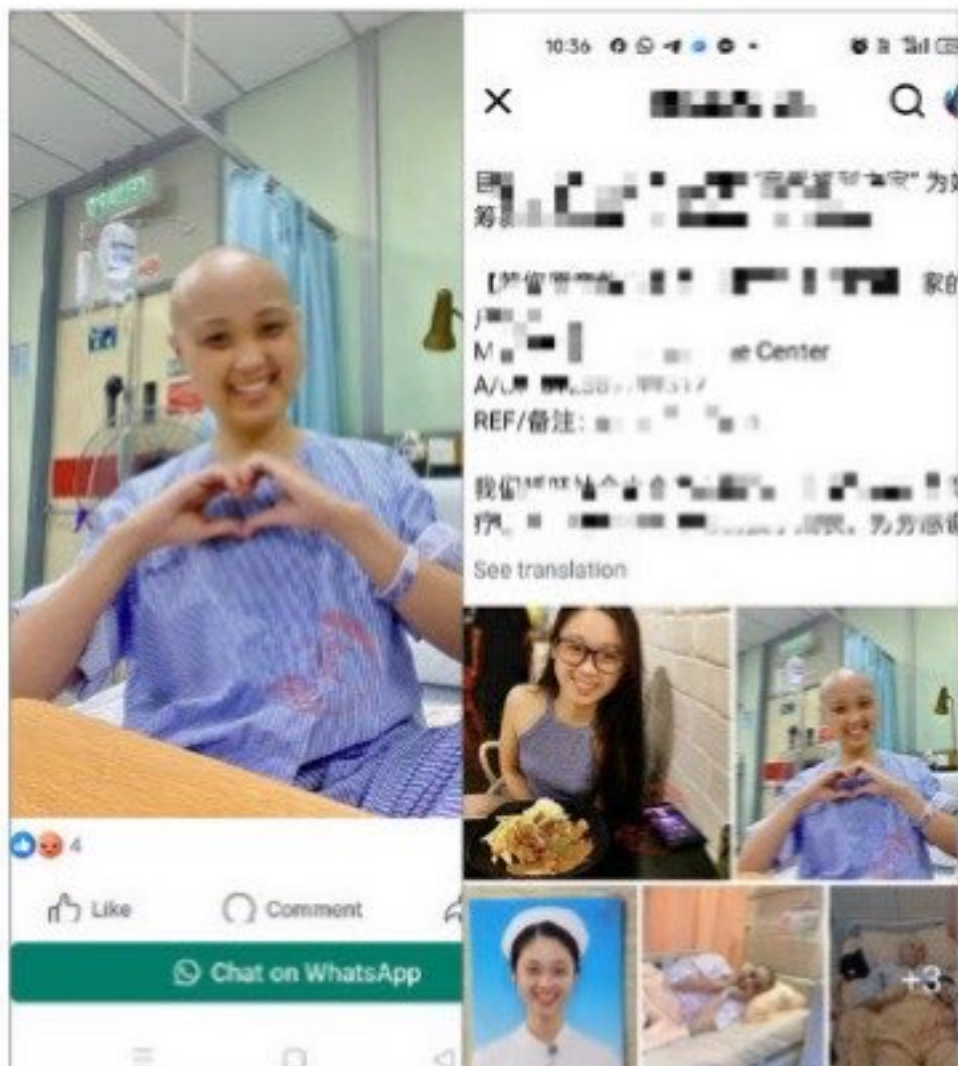
Menurut Lynn Tan, 40, mendiang sepupunya adalah pesakit kanser dan sudah meninggal dunia pada Disember tahun lalu.

"Saya melihat satu pautan di laman sosial Facebook mendakwa mangsa memerlukan dana rawatan membabitkan kos RM80,000 dan meminta simpati orang ramai sedangkan wanita dalam gambar sudah meninggal dunia.

"Saya cuba menyamar dan menghubungi pihak terbabit selain bertanya jumlah wang diperlukan dan mereka memaklumkan masih memerlukan kira-kira RM30,000 lagi.

"Saya percaya mereka berjaya mengutip sekitar RM50,000 hasil penipuan ini," jelasnya.

Katanya, seluruh ahli keluarga kesal apabila gambar mendiang disalah guna pihak tertentu dan menganggap ia satu kesalahan serius.



Tangkap layar gambar mendiang disalah guna pihak tertentu meraih simpati di media sosial.

"Tujuan pendedahan ini untuk mengelakkan lebih ramai orang terpedaya, sekali gus menjadi mangsa penipuan.

"Dalam masa sama, pihak keluarga sedang mengumpul maklumat dan bukti sebelum membuat

laporan polis," katanya.

Lynn berkata, masyarakat perlu berwaspada dan tidak mudah percaya dengan kutipan derma meragukan di media sosial selain merujuk kepada pihak sepatutnya bagi tujuan kesahihan.

England moves to ban sale of energy drinks to children

HIGH-CAFFEINE energy drinks will be banned for sale to youths under 16 in England under plans announced by the government recently.

"By preventing shops from selling these drinks to kids, we're helping to build the foundations for healthier and happier generations to come," Health Minister Wes Streeting said in a statement.

Up to a third of 13- to 16-year-olds in England are believed to consume energy drinks — some of which contain more caffeine than two cups of coffee — despite most supermarkets having introduced a voluntary ban, according to the government.

"How can we expect children to do well at school if they have the equivalent of a double espresso in their system on

a daily basis?" Streeting said.

"We're acting on the concerns of parents and teachers and tackling the root causes of poor health and educational attainment head on," he added.

A 12-week consultation will now gather evidence from experts, the public, retailers

and manufacturers.

Under current rules, any drink with over 150mg of caffeine per litre requires a warning label saying it is not recommended for children.

"Energy drinks might seem harmless, but the sleep, concentration and well-being of today's kids are all being impacted, while high sugar versions damage their teeth and contribute to obesity," Streeting said.



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When every second counts

ONE morning, your toddler wakes up unusually quiet — no chattering, no running to the toy box, no smiles. You assume it's just a cold. But by night, something still feels off.

That gut feeling — the sense of unease that comes from parental intuition — should never be ignored. It could save your child's life.

Sepsis, a condition often misunderstood and dangerously underestimated, has a way of creeping in silently. It can start with something as simple as a fever, tummy ache, or cough, and then spiral into full-body inflammation and organ failure within hours.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) reports that sepsis affects 49 million people globally each year, causing 11 million deaths, nearly half of which are children. What makes this especially tragic is that many of these cases are preventable with early detection and rapid treatment.

Sunway Medical Centre consultant paediatrician and paediatric intensivist Dr Olive Lee Pei Ee says the danger lies not just in how fast sepsis develops, but in how deceptively it begins.

Sepsis is not merely an infection. The infection is a trigger that causes an abnormal immune response, which

can escalate like a fire, igniting a vast inferno in the body.

Dr Lee says in Malaysia, we still encounter many chest infections, especially during the flu season. What starts as a harmless cough can develop into something life-threatening.

The greatest challenge for parents and doctors alike is recognising sepsis in its early stages. Children may not show clear signs that something is wrong. A child may seem more tired than usual, more withdrawn, or generally "off" — all subtle signs that can be easily dismissed.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Dr Lee emphasises that while symptoms may appear minor, they should never be ignored.

"If a child becomes unusually sleepy, has trouble waking up, vomits everything they take in, or suddenly looks less alert or energetic, it could be a warning sign."

Breathlessness, extreme temperature changes, or being floppy or limp are also signs that something is seriously wrong.

"If the child is completely limp and very cold or very hot, I would advise going straight to the hospital."

The rule of thumb is, if the child doesn't improve with medication within three days or if symp-



The greatest challenge for parents and doctors alike is recognising sepsis in its early stages. PICTURE CREDIT: FREEPIK

toms persist for three days, then it's time to seek help.

General practitioners are trained to look out for sepsis and can escalate care appropriately, but delays in seeking medical attention can be devastating.

Time is of the essence in sepsis management. Once it progresses, it progresses very quickly, warns Dr Lee.

The most powerful weapon against sepsis is prevention. This begins at home with hygiene, where regular handwashing, safe food practices and clean environments should be maintained.

But vaccination plays an equally important role. Dr Lee says vaccination creates herd immunity. Vaccinated household members can help create a

barrier for the child and offer protection. This means that even if the child is too young or too vulnerable for certain vaccines, they're still protected by those around them.

Dr Lee also urges parents to be cautious about antibiotic overuse.

"If we start using antibiotics for everybody, then you will have antibiotic resistance. In a hospital setting, hospital-acquired sepsis will be very hard to treat."

Responsible antibiotic use, combined with vaccination and hygiene, helps reduce the risk of infections developing into sepsis.

Even after a child survives sepsis, the journey may not be over. Recovery can take weeks or months, and complications may arise.

Dr Lee says post-sepsis syndrome can affect their physical, cognitive and psychosocial abilities. Children may also experience muscle weakness, emotional or psychological trauma, or developmental delays.

Some may need ongoing check-ups to monitor kidney or other organ functions. Vulnerable groups, including newborns, children with chronic illnesses, or those living with obesity, face greater risks. The younger they are, the more at risk they are.

"Parents know best. If your child seems different, don't brush it off. Seek help. Don't wait for others to say it's serious."

Hesitation can prove deadly with so acting fast saves lives.

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Doktor nafi tidak terangkan proses bedah siasat kepada Noraidah

Kota Kinabalu: Pegawai Perubatan Forensik Hospital Queen Elizabeth (HQE), Dr Logaraj Ratha memfahamkan bahawa beliau tidak berjumpa dengan ibu Allahyarham Zara Qairina Mahathir untuk menerangkan mengenai proses bedah siasat mayat pada 17 Julai lalu.

Saksi ketujuh inkuiri kematian Zara Qairina itu membuat pendirian berkenaan apabila peguam ibu arwah, Riwandean M Berhan menyatakan bahawa ibu arwah, Noraidah Latamat tidak pernah berjumpa beliau.

Pada prosiding semalam, Dr Logaraj berkata, beliau ada berjumpa dengan Noraidah dan seorang lagi ahli keluarga arwah, Nur Shira Abdullah di Jabatan Perubatan Forensik HQE pada 17 Julai lalu.

Selain itu pada awalnya dipertika Pengarah Pendidikan Negeri, Nuhra Dollah namun Koroner Amir Shah Amir Hassan membenarkan jika Dr Logaraj mahu memberikan maklumat balas.

Riwandean turut menyatakan bahawa beliau juga ditarah oleh Noraidah untuk menyatakan bahawa ibu arwah Zara Qairina itu tidak diterangkan mengenai kepentingan bedah siasat ke atas mayat Allahyarham Zara Qairina.

Riwandean: Saya diarah oleh Puan Noraidah bahawa doktor tidak pernah jumpa dengan beliau, apa respons doktor?

Dr Logaraj: Saya tidak setuju, saya ada berjumpa dengan Puan Noraidah dan saksi keluarga, Puan Nur Shira pada petang itu di Jabatan Perubatan Forensik HQE.

Riwandean: Saya telah ditarah oleh Puan Noraidah bahawa doktor tidak pernah menerangkan kepada puan Noraidah dan disaksikan puan Nur Shira mengenai keperluan serta kepentingan bedah siasat, boleh doktor respons?

Dr Logaraj: Saya tidak bersetuju, saya memberi penerangan yang lengkap kepada puan Noraidah dan puan Nur Shira pada petang itu dan mereka tandatangan borang itu selepas faham akan penerangan saya.

Terdahulu, dalam kenyataan bertulisnya, Dr Logaraj memberitahu Mahkamah Koroner bahawa beliau berjumpa de-

ngan ibu kandung arwah Zara Qairina dan kakak iparnya, Nur Shira pada petang 17 Julai lalu.

Pada perjumpaan itu, beliau memaklumkan kepada Noraidah bahawa polis tidak mengeluarkan borang Pol 61 atau borang Permintaan Pemeriksaan Mayat, sebelum cuba membolehkan maklumat lanjut mengenai kematian arwah Zara.

Katanya, beliau juga menerangkan kepada Noraidah dengan disaksikan Nur Shira mengenai keperluan serta kepentingan bedah siasat.

Beliau berkata, Noraidah juga diterangkan walaupun borang Pol 61 atau borang Permintaan Pemeriksaan Mayat tidak dikeluarkan oleh pihak polis, proses bedah siasat identikal masih boleh dijalankan tetapi tertakluk dengan kebenaran waris terdekat.

Ragimasingan, katanya Noraidah selaku waris si mati membuat keputusan untuk bedah siasat tidak dijalankan ke atas jenazah anaknya walaupun penerangan diberikan.

Sementara itu, Riwandean turut bertanya sama ada Dr Logaraj tahu bahawa Noraidah ada membuat laporan polis mengenai kes kematian Zara Qairina pada pagi 17 Julai lalu.

Riwandean: Adakah doktor tahu sekiranya Puan Noraidah telah buat satu laporan polis pada pagi 17 Julai?

Dr Logaraj: Ya, saya tahu tapi ketika itu puan Noraidah tidak ingin berkam, pihak forensik laporan tersebut.

Riwandean: Ragimasingan kamu tahu?

Dr Logaraj: Dia (Noraidah) yang bertanya.

Riwandean: Ada minta salinan?

Dr Logaraj: Ya, tapi dia tidak mahu lagi.

"Saya memberi penerangan yang lengkap kepada Puan Noraidah dan Puan Nur Shira pada petang itu dan mereka tandatangan borang itu selepas faham akan penerangan saya"

Dr Logaraj

Beberapa pelajar mengaku pernah baca diari Zara

Ketua warden asrama beritahu ibu Zara minta tiga diari arwah ketika di Unit Kecemasan HQE

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Kota Kinabalu: Beberapa pelajar SMK Tun Datu Mustapha mengaku pernah membaca diari milik Allahyarham Zara Qairina Mahathir ketika mereka disoal oleh warden selepas insiden pada 16 Julai lalu.

Ketua warden asrama, Azhari Abd Sagap, mengakui ibu Zara Qairina, Noraidah Laman, ada meminta tiga diari milik anak arwah daripada pihak sekolah ketika di Unit Kecemasan Hospital Queen Elizabeth (HQE).

Katanya, Noraidah ada meminta mengesahkan minat arwah yang sula menulis dan meminta diari milik arwah diberikan kepadanya.

Saksi lapangan inkuies kematian Zara Qairina itu memberitahu perkara berkenaan di hadapan Koroner, Amir Shah Amir Hassan, ketika ditanya peguam, Shahlan Jufri, yang mewakili Noraidah dalam pihak berpetempatan selepas inkuies itu.

Azhari berkata, berdasarkan permintaan ibu arwah Zara Qairina itulah mereka mengetahui mengenai Allahyarham yang me-

iliki beberapa diari.

"Ibu Zara cakap dia (Zara) rajin menulis-mulis dan dia minta itu (diari) daripada kami. Dari semula kami tahu Zara ini ada diari dan itu dia cakap ketika di Unit Kecemasan, ada tiga (diari) dan pada 16 Julai itu kami baru jumpa dia," katanya.

Katanya diari itu tidak diserahkan kepada ibu arwah atas arahan pegawai penyiasat polis.

Shahlan: Ibu Zara beritahu siapa (mengenai arwah mempunyai diari)?

Azhari: Dia beritahu kami dan dia juga cerita dengan kami mengenai Zara di rumah yang cerita-cerita dan rajin menulis-mulis dan dia mahu dapatkan ketiga (diari) itu. Dia mitalah dengan kami yang ada di unit kecemasan pada masa itu.

Shahlan: Siapa 'kami' di unit kecemasan pada masa itu?

Azhari: Saya, Penguasa Kamal Hal Khwal Murid, Penguasa dan Cikgu Asmah yang ikut masuk am-



bukan pada pagi itu.

Shahlan: Kenapa diari itu tidak diberi kepada ibu Zara walaupun itu permintaan ibu Zara?

Azhari: Kenapa? (Koroner) siasatan sekolah pelajar pun ada cerita pasal ini (diari). Semasa siasatan di sekolah, pelajar ada cerita pasal diari ini dan ada beberapa orang pelajar yang sudah pernah membaca diari Zara ini.

Shahlan: Jadi, punca diari itu tidak diberi kepada ibu Zara adalah disebabkan jawapan kami di soal 144 (dalam nota prosiding)?

Azhari: Sebab ada page (muka-

surat) yang kami baca dalam diari ini, dua page itu kami serah kepada polis, saya hantar melalui gambar saja.

Shahlan: Apa yang halang kamu beri diari itu kepada ibu?

Azhari: Asalnya memang saya mahu bagi kepada ibu Zara pada 17 Julai tapi ketika saya dalam perjalanan saya ke hospital, pegawai penyiasat arsham saya simpan dulu diari itu.

Shahlan: Ada kamu beritahu kepada ibu Zara yang diari itu tidak boleh diberikan kepadanya?

Azhari: Saya beritahu kepada ibu Zara, minta maaf pun saya telah serahkan diari itu kepada polis pada petang 17 Julai, itu yang saya usulkan kepada ibu Zara.

Terdahulu, dalam keterangan berbalas yang ditanyakan, Azhari memaklumkan penemuan dua diari, masing-masing berwaras hijau dan ungu pada pagi 16 Julai lalu berdasarkan maklumat seorang guru kepadanya yang ketika itu, beliau berada di HQE.

Selanjutnya, katanya pada petang kesukannya, seorang lagi guru menjumpai sebuah lagi diari dan buku latihan ketika mengemus barisan arwah Zara Qairina di almari asramanya.

Semua diari itu diserahkan kepada seorang guru sebelum diserahkan kepadanya 16 Julai lalu dan seterusnya diserahkan pula kepada pegawai penyiasat polis.

Selain itu, katanya beliau turut menerima 16 helman kertas diari milik Zara daripada seorang guru pada tengah hari 19 Julai lalu sebelum diserahkan kepada pegawai penyiasat polis pada jam 8 petang hari yang sama.

Mahkamah dijangka panggil saksi kanak-kanak bermula esok

Kota Kinabalu: Mahkamah Koroner dijangka memanggil saksi kanak-kanak dalam inkuies kematian pelajar Allahyarham Zara Qairina Mahathir, bermula esok.

Koroner, Amir Shah Amir Hassan, berkata apabila 35 kanak-kanak itu dipanggil memberi keterangan, banyak mereka yang terbahit secara langsung dalam inkuies dibenarkan berada dalam bilik mahkamah.

"Kita akan melakan dengan kanak-kanak dan menyelesaikan semua keterangan mereka."

"Di antara prosiding itu, akan diadakan locus in quo (siasatan di lokasi kejadian), terbahit akan dimaklumkan kemudian," katanya dalam prosiding Mahkamah Koroner selepas bertemu pegawai penyiasat dan peguam di dalam kamar.

Dalam perkembangan bersejangan, Polis Sabah menahan seorang lelaki tempatan berusia 36 tahun kerana dipercayai terlibat menyebarkan video berunsur fitnah di Facebook memabitkan kes kematian Zara Qairina.

Pesuruhjaya Polis Sabah, Datuk Jureh Dukan, berkata pihaknya menerima laporan orang awam pada 18 September bertubung penulisan video yang di kongsi melalui pautan Facebook.

Katanya, video itu mengandungi unsur fitnah dan mendedahkan identiti kanak-kanak serta menggunakan kemudahan rangkaian secara tidak wajar.

"Selepas laporan itu, pada 18 September kira-kira jam 5.40 petang, polis menahan seorang lelaki bagi membantu siasatan," katanya.

Doktor forensik beritahu beri penerangan kepada Noraidah

Kota Kinabalu: Pegawai Perubatan Forensik Hospital Queen Elizabeth (HQE), Dr Logaraj Ratha, menafikan dakwaan beliau tidak berjumpa ibu Allahyarham Zara Qairina Mahathir untuk menerangkan mengenai proses bedah siasat mayat arwah pada 17 Julai lalu.

Sekali kerujut inkuies kematian Zara Qairina itu membuat perhatian itu ketika peguam ibu arwah, Rizwandeon M Dorian, memaklumkan bahawa ibu arwah Zara, Noraidah Laman tidak pernah berjumpa beliau.

Pada prosiding semalam, Dr Logaraj berkata, beliau ada berjumpa dengan ibu arwah Zara Qairina dan seorang lagi ahli keluarga arwah, Nur Shira Abdullah, ketika di Jabatan Perubatan Forensik HQE pada 17 Julai lalu.

Soalan itu pada awalnya diperkatakan oleh Pengarah Perubatan Negeri, Nafra Dillah, namun Koroner, Amir Shah Amir Hassan, membenarkan Jlia Dr Logaraj mahu memberikan maklumat beliau.

Rizwandeon turut menyatakan beliau juga diarah oleh Noraidah untuk menyatakan bahawa ibu arwah Zara Qairina itu tidak diterangkan mengenai kepentingan bedah siasat ke atas mayat Allahyarham Zara Qairina.

Rizwandeon: Saya telah diarah oleh puan Noraidah bahawa doktor tidak pernah jumpa dengan beliau, apa respons doktor?

Dr Logaraj: Saya tidak setuju, saya ada berjumpa dengan puan Noraidah dan saksi keluarga puan Nur Shira pada petang itu di Jabatan Perubatan Forensik HQE.

Rizwandeon: Saya telah diarahkan oleh puan Noraidah bahawa doktor tidak pernah menerangkan kepada puan Noraidah dua disaksikan puan Nur Shira mengenai kepentingan serta kepentingan bedah siasat, boleh doktor respon?

Dr Logaraj: Saya tidak bersetuju. Saya memberi penerangan yang lengkap kepada puan Noraidah dan puan Nur Shira pada petang itu dan mereka tidak mengingkar itu sebagai fakta akan penerangan saya.

Terdahulu, dalam kesetiaan berbalas, Dr Logaraj memberitahu Mahkamah Koroner bahawa beliau berjumpa dengan ibu kandung arwah Zara Qairina dan kakak iparnya, Nur Shira Abdullah, pada petang 17 Julai lalu.

Pada perjumpaan itu, katanya, beliau memaklumkan kepada

Noraidah bahawa polis tidak mengeluarkan Berang Pul 61 satu Borang Permintaan Pemeriksaan Mayat, sebelum cuba mendapatkan maklumat lanjut mengenai kematian arwah Zara.

Katanya, beliau juga menerangkan kepada Noraidah dengan disaksikan Nur Shira mengenai kepentingan serta kepentingan bedah siasat.

Beliau berkata, Noraidah juga diterangkan walaupun Borang Pul 61 satu Borang Permintaan Pemeriksaan Mayat tidak dikeluarkan oleh polis, proses bedah siasat klinikal masih boleh dijalankan sebagai berkaitan dengan kebenaran waris terdekat.

Dalam kesetiaan, katanya Noraidah selaku waris si mati membuat keputusan untuk bedah siasat tidak dijalankan ke atas jenazah arwah Zara, walaupun pe-

nerangan telah diberikan.

Sementara itu, Rizwandeon turut bertanya sama ada Dr Logaraj tahu bahawa ibu arwah Zara Qairina ada membuat laporan polis mengenai kes kematian arwah Zara Qairina pada pagi 17 Julai lalu.

Rizwandeon: Adakah doktor tahu sekiranya puan Noraidah telah buat satu laporan polis pada pagi 17 Julai?

Dr Logaraj: Ya, saya tahu tapi ketika itu puan Noraidah tidak ingin beri kami pihak forensik report tersebut.

Rizwandeon: Bagaimana kamu tahu?

Dr Logaraj: Dia (Noraidah) yang beritahu.

Rizwandeon: Ada minta saki-

kan? **Dr Logaraj:** Ya, tapi dia tidak mahu bagi.