

# **Expedite probe of doctor's death in Lahad Datu, MMA tells health authorities**

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Health Ministry and Sabah Health Department have been urged to expedite their investigation of a specialist doctor's death in Lahad Datu.

Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) president Datuk Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira said the tragic loss underscores serious concerns about the mental health and wellbeing of doctors in the public healthcare system.

"The medical community is monitoring the situation, and we appreciate a swift and transparent response.

"The MMA remains steadfast in its commitment to enhancing the mental health, welfare, and working conditions of all healthcare professionals, ensuring a safe and supportive work environment," he said in a statement on Monday (Sept 16).

Dr Kalwinder also expressed MMA's condolences to the late doctor's family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time.

"We also respectfully ask the public to refrain from speculation, allowing the proper processes to take place," he said.

He encouraged healthcare workers experiencing challenges to reach out to the MMA through the Helpdoc platform at [helpdoc@mma.org.my](mailto:helpdoc@mma.org.my) for support.

This comes following reports that the doctor, a pathology specialist with Hospital Lahad Datu, died as a consequence of alleged workplace bullying.

Her family blamed the Health Ministry after she was found dead in her rental unit on Aug 29.

The 30-year-old was head of the Chemical Pathology Unit of the hospital's Pathology Department.

Those facing problems can reach out to: the Mental Health Psychosocial Support Service (03-2935 9935 or 014-322 3392); Talian Kasih (15999 or WhatsApp 019-261 5999); Jakim's Family, Social and Community care centre (WhatsApp 0111-959 8214); and Befrienders Kuala Lumpur (03-7627 2929, or visit [www.befrienders.org.my/centre-in-malaysia](http://www.befrienders.org.my/centre-in-malaysia) for a full list of numbers and operating hours).