

# **MMA: Stick to registered clinics for safe healthcare**

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*Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) president Datuk Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira has urged the public to seek healthcare services only from recognised and registered facilities to ensure safety and quality of care. — PIC COURTESY OF MMA*

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) has urged the public to seek healthcare services only from recognised and registered facilities to ensure safety and quality of care.

In a statement today (Jan 26), its president Datuk Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira said the association expressed concern over reports of premises in Kuala Lumpur allegedly being used by foreign nationals to illegally operate health clinics over the past year.

"It is alarming to learn that these so-called 'clinics' were stocked with unregistered medicines and counterfeit medical equipment, while treatments were provided by unqualified individuals," he said.

Dr Kalwinder said MMA commended the Health Ministry and the Immigration Department for their swift actions and urged the public to remain vigilant.

"Any illegal healthcare activities should be reported to the authorities immediately."

He added that all doctors practising in Malaysia must be registered with the Malaysian Medical Council and hold a valid Annual Practicing Certificate.

Additionally, all clinic premises must be registered with the Health Ministry's Medical Practice Division, in accordance with the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act (PHFSA) 1998.

On Friday, the Immigration Department and the Health Ministry [shut down](#) 10 premises in the city believed to have been operating illegally as clinics run by Bangladeshis for the past year.)

This followed the arrest of 10 Bangladeshi men, aged between 31 and 50, during a special operation jointly conducted by the department and the ministry.

Acting on two weeks of surveillance and information gathering, the authorities raided premises disguised as eateries or grocery shops at 10 locations in the city, including Jalan Tun Siew Sin, Leboh Pudu, and Jalan Silang.

Immigration director-general Datuk Zakaria Shaaban said the Health Ministry seized 502 types of unregistered medicines, estimated to be worth about RM265,000.