

'We oppose the Act, not price labelling,' **says MMA ahead of Tuesday's protest**

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) said doctors were not against medicine price transparency, but disagreed with the usage of the Price Control and Anti-Profiteering Act 2011 (Act 723) on the recently implemented mandatory price labelling initiative.

The statement came ahead of Tuesday's protest march called "Doctors Betrayed: The Long Walk to Putrajaya" from the Health Ministry to the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya.

MMA's Private Practitioners Section (PPS) chairman Datuk Dr Parmjit Singh Kuldip Singh said the "symbolic walk" is to voice the medical fraternity's deep disappointment over the use of Act 723, a non-medical act on the profession.

The march would also voice their frustration over the various unanswered questions on the medicine price display and the unresolved issue of stagnant private general practitioner consultation fees, a longstanding issue since 1992.

"We wish to reiterate that doctors are not against price transparency, but strongly oppose Act 723 being used on the medical profession," he said in a statement.

Parmjit said the protest would go ahead as planned if there are no objections, as MMA have submitted all necessary documents to inform the relevant authorities about the gathering.

He added that during the protest, a memorandum will be handed over to the Prime Minister's office through a joint effort between the association and other doctors' associations.

On Wednesday, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad and Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Minister Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali had announced that the mandatory price labelling would take effect on May 1.

Following that, [MMA](#) called for the government to halt the implementation of the policy to allow a proper engagement and resolution of the concerns raised by the association.

The media had reported that general practitioners were planning to stage a march in protest against the initiative.

Dzulkefly said the planned march by the private general practitioners is their [democratic right](#).

He said the ministry would not prevent the protest and that he is prepared to receive the memorandum they wish to submit.