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Dzulkefly: Shelving WBB pilot project not a flip-flop decision

KLANG: The decision to shelve the Waktu Bekerja Berlainan (WBB) pilot project was not a "flip-flop" decision, says Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad.

The Health Minister said the Cabinet's decision to cancel the staggered working hours system is to allow for a more comprehensive engagement with all relevant parties.

"To those who have questioned

why the WBB is not considered a 'flip-flop', it is because I have yet to make a final decision on its implementation.

"It is still in the pilot project phase, and at that time (it was announced) it faced criticism from everyone questioning why others were not involved," he said.

Dzulkefly, who is also Parti Amanah Negara vice-president,

said this during his winding-up speech at the 2024 Amanah National Convention here yesterday, Bernama reported.

He announced in a statement last Friday that the Cabinet decided to shelve the WBB pilot project to make way for a more in-depth and comprehensive study.

He said the decision was made after careful consideration of all relevant factors.

To facilitate this, the Health Ministry established a special committee, chaired by former Health director-general Tan Sri Abu Bakar Suleiman.

Meanwhile, Dzulkefly acknowledged the information leak about the guidelines for the WBB pilot project, which was issued through a circular, was a mistake which led to disputes.

"When the leak happened, doc-

tors across the country questioned why they were not involved. This sparked a problem, as they demanded to be involved.

"I raised this issue with the Cabinet. After I explained the situation, the Cabinet decided that I should cancel the WBB pilot project.

"I will continue with the study to get views from all parties," he said.

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Careful where you get treated

Seek medical services only from licensed facilities, says MMA

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PETALING JAYA: The recent arrest of 10 Bangladeshis who allegedly offered illegal medical services in Kuala Lumpur is a cause for concern, says the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA).

Its president Datuk Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira said it was alarming to learn that the

so-called "clinics" the suspects ran were stocked with unregistered medicines and fake medical equipment, while treatments were provided by unqualified individuals.

"We commend the Health Ministry and Immigration Department for the stern action taken and urge the public to remain vigilant.

"Any illegal healthcare activities should be reported to the

authorities without delay," he said in a statement yesterday.

Dr Kalwinder said all doctors practising in Malaysia must be registered with the Malaysian Medical Council and have a valid Annual Practising Certificate.

All clinic premises must be registered with the Health Ministry's Medical Practice Division in compliance with the Private Healthcare Facilities

and Services Act 1998, he added.

"We strongly advise the public to seek healthcare services only from recognised and registered healthcare facilities to ensure safety and quality of care," he added.

Last Thursday, the Immigration Department and Health Ministry conducted raids at Jalan Tun Tan Siew Sin, Leboh Pudu and Jalan Silang before detaining the 10

men, aged between 31 and 50, for offering uncertified medical services.

It was found that the group operated in restaurants and sundry shops to evade detection.

According to Immigration director-general Datuk Zakaria Shaaban, medicines without Health Ministry approval were brought into the country by Bangladeshi nationals coming here as tourists.

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Health Minister and Parti Amanah Negara vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad (right) speaking with Amanah deputy president Datuk Seri Dr Mujahid Yusof Rawa at the Amanah National Convention in Klang yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

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WAKTU BEKERJA BERLAINAN

Dzulkefly: Cancellation not a flip-flop

KLANG: The cancellation of Waktu Berkerja Berlainan (WBB), or staggered working hours system for medical officers, was not a "flip-flop" by the government, said Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad.

He said the system, intended to alleviate the workload of medical specialists, was still in the pilot phase when it was cancelled.

Dzulkefly, who is Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) vice-president, said the call was also made after criticism from some quarters, including doctors nationwide who wanted to be included in the engagement sessions.

"From the beginning, I observed burnout among doctors, some of whom were overworked, with shifts lasting more than 33 hours. Perhaps many are unaware of this, but in certain positions and disciplines, they work beyond 33 hours.

"To address this, the Medical

Advisory and Action Committee was tasked with finding a solution, with input from 10 heads of medical specialties.

"Over nearly a year, they worked to draft a new policy to replace the existing system."

However, he said, complications arose when a letter regarding the system was leaked.

This led to questions from doctors who were not included in the planning process.

"I took the matter to the cabinet as I could not decide on my own. The cabinet's view was to cancel it.

"I want to reiterate that this was not a case of flip-flopping, as no final decision on WBB had been made (at the time). The committee was still conducting studies, and it was a mistake that the letter was leaked."

He said this in his speech at the Amanah National Convention at the KSL Esplanade Hotel yesterday.

day.

Dzulkefly added that the cancellation was a firm decision by the government to ensure that doctors nationwide would be included in engagement sessions.

"I will ensure that extensive consultations are carried out when drafting policies or amending acts."

On Friday, he announced that the WBB was cancelled to make way for a more in-depth and comprehensive study.

Previously, the Hartal Doktor Kontrak group called for the immediate withdrawal of the system, claiming that it was developed without consultation with key stakeholders.

The Malaysian Medical Association also expressed concerns about the system, which they believe will exacerbate the shortage of staff, burden doctors with excessive duties and impact patient care.

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MMA LAUDS ACTION ON CLINICS RUN BY FOREIGNERS

All doctors and clinics in country must be registered with the authorities, says medical group

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THE Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) expressed alarm about reports of premises here allegedly being used by foreigners to illegally operate health clinics over the past year.

"These so-called 'clinics' were stocked with unregistered medicines and counterfeit medical equipment, while treatments were provided by unqualified individuals," its president, Datuk Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira, said in a statement yesterday.

He added that the 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."

Dr Kalwinder said doctors practising in Malaysia must be registered with the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) and hold a valid annual practising certificate.

All clinics must be registered with the ministry's Medical Practice Division in accordance with the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 1998.

On Friday, the Immigration Department and the ministry shut down 10 premises in the city believed to have been operating illegally as clinics for the past year.

This followed two weeks of surveillance and information gathering, and the arrest of 10 Bangladeshi men, aged between 31 and 50, during a joint operation.

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

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PRODUCING QUALITY NURSES

Make degree minimum requirement for nursing jobs, govt urged

KUALA LUMPUR: The government should consider making a bachelor's degree the minimum qualification for careers in nursing and midwifery.

Malayan Nurses Union president Saaidah Athman said the proposal had been presented to the Health Ministry and its Nursing Division.

"However, there has been no response from them.

"Introducing a bachelor's degree as the entry qualification would enable nurses to earn

higher salaries," she told *Berita Harian* yesterday.

Saaidah said Thailand had adopted a bachelor's degree as the minimum qualification for nursing since 2000.

"Singapore leads the way with advanced practice nurses registering at the master's level.

"This upgrade aligns with the World Health Organisation's 2021-2025 strategic plan, which recommends a bachelor's degree as the minimum qualification for nursing and midwifery."

She said nurses play a critical role in safeguarding public health and are the closest point of contact with the community.

"As such, advice and health-related information provided by them must be accurate, clear, scientific and professional."

Previously, it was reported that nursing graduates with bachelor's degrees are not favoured by hospitals in Malaysia, which prefer diploma holders due to lower salary expectations.

This situation has led many

Malaysian nurses with degrees to migrate to Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Brunei and the United Kingdom, where their qualifications and skills are better recognised.

An expert concurred with the proposal to make bachelor's degree the minimum entry requirement.

Dr Zainab Mohd Shafie, from Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin's Faculty of Medicine, said that in nursing, a diploma alone cannot sustain graduates.

She said the proposal can help produce high-quality nurses.

"We have candidates who meet the criteria, and we encourage those who are passionate about nursing to pursue the field.

"We also need to consider producing high-quality nurses who are competitive in the global market.

"I agree with the proposal. Even during their final semester, our degree graduates often receive job offers," she told the *New Straits Times*.

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'Establish committee to oversee traditional medicine approval'

► Expert urges caution in using herbal remedies, calls for greater regulation and professional supervision

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PETALING JAYA: A drug researcher has proposed the establishment of a dedicated committee to oversee the approval and use of herbal medicines in Malaysia, alongside the creation of a comprehensive directory of safe herbal remedies for public reference.

Universiti Sains Malaysia Centre for Drug Research Associate Professor Dr Darshan Singh Mahinder suggested that such measures would empower consumers to make informed decisions and minimise the risks posed by unapproved remedies.

Commenting on the widespread availability of herbal products on online platforms, at pharmacies, Chinese medicine shops and in drug stores, Darshan warned Malaysians to exercise caution when using these remedies, stressing that they are not entirely safe unless supervised by healthcare professionals.

"People often assume that herbs used by their elders without issue are universally safe, but not all herbs are harmless without medical supervision. An individual's health condition and reaction to certain herbs must be assessed before consumption," he said.

Darshan also called for health campaigns to raise awareness of the risks associated with unregulated herbal products and to promote the importance of consulting healthcare professionals.

He noted that while many Malaysians believe locally grown herbs used for generations are safe, this is misleading. "Some herbs, such as *ketum* leaves, have a high potential for abuse when misused. Excessive consumption can lead to dependence

and withdrawal symptoms that disrupt daily life."

He emphasised that herbal remedies should ideally be consumed individually and only under proper medical supervision to ensure safety.

Combining herbs with modern medications or other herbal remedies without medical advice could result in adverse reactions, including seizures or loss of consciousness.

Darshan cautioned against mixing herbs with prescription drugs without professional guidance and raised concerns about imported herbal medicines from poorly regulated markets.

"Consumers often trust products from international sources, but contaminants such as heavy metals

and unapproved additives are frequently found in unregulated herbal products."

He stressed the importance of checking for regulatory approvals, clear product labelling and information on ingredients and potential side effects.

"Products with incomplete labelling or missing registration details are red flags for potentially unsafe remedies," he said.

Darshan acknowledged the strong cultural influences on herbal medicine use in Malaysia, where many communities rely on traditional practices to treat ailments.

He highlighted the ingrained use of herbs in Asian societies, from traditional Chinese medicine to Malay remedies such as *ulam*, *kacip Fatimah* and *Tongkat Ali*, as well as ayurvedic treatments in the Indian community.

While these practices hold cultural significance, Darshan argued for a balance between tradition and scientific validation.

"There is potential for integrating

herbal medicine into modern healthcare systems. Some private hospitals in Malaysia have already incorporated herbal remedies into their services and I believe this trend will continue to grow.

"Science has shown that herbal medicines can offer therapeutic benefits with fewer toxic effects compared with synthetic drugs. With Malaysia's rich biodiversity, there are opportunities to develop a robust herbal medicine industry."

However, he pointed out that some people are overly suspicious about the potential benefits and risks of herbal medicines, while others are misled into believing they are quick fixes, and if they don't produce instant results, users would often discontinue them.

"These assumptions reflect a lack of understanding about how herbal medicines work and the time it may take for them to show results. Nonetheless, the bottom line is to use herbal medication with caution and under medical supervision."



FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE

... Visitors taking selfies at the Kwai Chai Hong historical tourist attraction in Chinatown, Kuala Lumpur, which features a lantern display called "Bountiful Blessings", in conjunction with Chinese New Year on Wednesday.

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Union calls for study on non-office working hours for healthcare workers

KUALA LUMPUR: The Health Ministry has been urged to conduct a comprehensive study on non-office working hours for healthcare workers.

The Health Ministry's main employees union *Majlis Gabungan Presiden dan Setiausaha Agung Kesatuan Sekerja* secretary Reostam Dhazar highlighted that healthcare workers, particularly those in non-office environments such as hospitals, health

clinics and rural areas, face unique challenges requiring attention and effective solutions.

The union has proposed the establishment of a special committee involving union representatives, healthcare workers and relevant experts to ensure the study covers all key aspects.

"Among the aspects suggested are the effectiveness of working hours in

relation to work-life balance, the safety and health of healthcare workers in the workplace, and efficiency in public service delivery.

"Additionally, the study should examine fair and reasonable work scheduling for all categories of healthcare workers while maintaining the previously set 42-hour workweek," he said in a press release.

Reostam argued that the proposed

increase in working hours to 45 hours per week would only add pressure on healthcare workers.

"Any increase in working hours would exacerbate work-related stress and affect the well-being of healthcare workers, which could, in turn, negatively impact the quality of services provided to the public," he added.

He reiterated the union's

commitment to working with the ministry to safeguard the welfare and well-being of healthcare workers in order to enhance service delivery standards.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad announced yesterday that the Cabinet had decided to cancel the staggered working hours pilot project to allow for a more thorough and comprehensive study. - Bernama

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BH m/s 8 NASIONAL 27/1/2025 (ISNIN)

Batal projek rintis WBB bukan keputusan 'flip flop'

Langkah beri laluan kajian lebih menyeluruh, laksanakan libat urus secara meluas

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Klang: Keputusan Kabinet membatalkan projek rintis Waktu Berkerja Berlainan (WBB) bagi memberi laluan kepada kajian lebih mendalam dan menyeluruh mengenainya, bukan keputusan 'flip flop'.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad berkata WBB yang masih pada peringkat projek rintis adalah usaha untuk mengurangkan bebanan pekerja penjagaan kesihatan awam negara dengan pengenalan sistem syif baharu.

Katanya, 10 ketua pakar dilantik menganggotai pasukan petugas bagi projek WBB yang mana mereka mengambil masa hampir setahun untuk menghasilkan satu penjadualan baharu.

"Masalah yang tercetus adalah apabila berlaku bocor (pekeliling dalaman WBB) yang mana ia masih pada peringkat 'proof of concept' di lima hospital.



Dr Dzulkefly berucap pada sesi penggulungan di Konvensyen Nasional Parti Amanah Negara (AMANAH) di Klang, semalam. (Foto Faiz Anuar/BH)

cept' di lima hospital.

"Selepas ia (edaran) didapati oleh doktor di hospital lain, mereka bertanya kenapa tidak dilibut urus sama. Itulah punca WBB menjadi masalah kerana mereka menuntut hak untuk dilibut uruskan.

"Justeru, saya mengambil pendekatan mengangkat perkara ini ke Kabinet dan selepas dijelaskan, Kabinet berpandangan agar ia dibatalkan serta meneruskan

kajian untuk mendapat pandangan daripada semua pihak," katanya pada sesi penggulungan di Konvensyen Nasional Parti Amanah Negara (AMANAH) di sini, semalam.

Dapatkan maklum balas

Justeru, beliau yang juga Naib Presiden AMANAH menegaskan ia bukan satu keputusan 'flip flop' kerana pihaknya masih dalam usaha melaksanakan projek

rintis itu.

"Pada saya itu satu kesilapan dan saya mahu membaiki dengan mengangkatnya ke Kabinet. Insya-Allah kita teruskan dengan projek rintis dengan mendapatkan maklum balas semua pihak.

"Ia bukan 'flip flop' seperti mana disebutkan. Tetapi satu penegasan supaya kita melaksanakan libat urus secara meluas," katanya.

Kelmarin, Jemaah Menteri memutuskan untuk membatalkan projek rintis WBB bagi memberi laluan kepada kajian lebih mendalam dan menyeluruh.

Dr Dzulkefly dipetik berkata keputusan itu dibuat selepas mengambil kira segala pertimbangan.

Sebelum ini, media melaporkan Hartal Doktor Kontrak (HDK) menggesa Kementerian supaya menarik balik pekeliling cadangan pelaksanaan WBB itu.

Memberi reaksi di atas pekeliling dalaman itu, HDK mendakwa ia harus ditarik balik serta-merta bagi mengelak kemerosotan moral dan kebajikan petugas kesihatan.

Selain itu, Persatuan Perubatan Malaysia (MMA) turut menyuarakan kebimbangan mengenai pelaksanaan WBB yang didakwa akan memburukkan lagi kekurangan tenaga kerja sedia ada serta menyebabkan doktor dibebani tugas berlebihan, sekali gus menjejaskan kualiti penjagaan pesakit.

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Hospital ahli MHTC perlu patuh kriteria ketat

Kuala Lumpur: Semua hospital yang menjadi ahli Majlis Pelancongan Kesihatan Malaysia (MHTC) perlu memenuhi kriteria pematuhan yang ketat, termasuk semua undang-undang dan peraturan berkaitan.

MHTC menegaskan, ia bagi memastikan hospital berkenaan menyediakan perkhidmatan berkualiti tinggi dan menjaga kepercayaan pesakit antarabangsa.

"MHTC hanya memaafkan hospital yang berdaftar sebagai ahli MHTC. Isu mengenai klinik haram dan penguatkuasaan terhadap doktor palsu bukan bawah bidang kuasa pemantauan MHTC.

"Pemilihan ejen pelancongan perubatan atau mana-mana pihak yang terbabit adalah tanggungjawab hospital individu.

"MHTC tidak terbabit secara langsung dalam pemilihan atau pemantauan terhadap ejen yang dilantik hospital," katanya kepada BH, semalam.

Kenyataan MHTC itu susulan penegasan oleh Menteri Dalam Negeri, Datuk Seri Saifuddin Natusion Ismail, kelmarin, bahawa pihaknya tidak menolak kemungkinan lebih banyak serbuan dibuat pihak berkuasa terhadap klinik yang beroperasi secara haram dalam kalangan warga asing menggunakan doktor palsu di negara ini.

Ia susulan serbuan ke atas 10 premis di ibu kota yang disyaki beroperasi sebagai klinik secara haram sejak setahun lalu dan berhasil menahan 10 lelaki warga Bangladesh menyamar sebagai doktor di setiap tempat terbabit.

Saifuddin berkata, isu itu bermula apabila ada pihak mengambil kesempatan terhadap inisiatif kerajaan yang menggalakkan aktiviti pelancongan perubatan bagi menarik pesakit mendapat rawatan di Malaysia.

Mengulas lanjut, MHTC berkata, badan itu kekal komited untuk me-



MHTC pastikan hospital ahli MHTC sedia perkhidmatan berkualiti tinggi demi menjaga kepercayaan pesakit antarabangsa. (Foto hiasan)

nyokong inisiatif kerajaan dalam menjadikan Malaysia destinasi pelancongan perubatan premium yang selamat dan berkualiti.

"Kami akan terus bekerjasama

dengan pihak berkepentingan untuk memastikan integriti dan reputasi sektor pelancongan perubatan Malaysia terpelihara," katanya.

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RUANGAN : NASIONAL

BH M/S 7 NASIONAL 27/1/2025 (AHAD)

MNU saran ijazah sarjana muda syarat minimum jadi jururawat

Syor pernah dikemukakan, namun masih belum ada maklum balas

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Kuala Lumpur: Kerajaan disaran menggunakan ijazah sarjana muda sebagai syarat minimum untuk bekerja dalam bidang kejururawatan dan kebidanan seperti diamalkan di negara jiran termasuk Singapura dan Thailand.

Presiden Kesatuan Jururawat Malaya (MNU), Saaidah Athman, berkata cadangan itu pernah dibentangkan kepada pihak yang berkepentingan.

"Namun, sehingga kini pihak yang berkenaan masih tidak memberi maklum balas."

"Kemasukan menggunakan ijazah sarjana muda akan membolehkan jururawat di negara mendapat gaji yang lebih tinggi berbanding yang diterima sekarang, katanya kepada BH, semalam.

Katanya, di Thailand, ijazah sa-



Ramai jururawat tempatan berkelulusan ijazah hijrah ke luar negara untuk gaji lebih tinggi.

(Foto fail NSTP)

rjana muda menjadi kelayakan minimum untuk bekerja dalam bidang kejururawatan dan sudah diselaraskan sejak 2000 lagi.

Singapura dahului tindakan

"Singapura juga mendahului dengan pendaftaran jururawat amalan lanjutan di peringkat sarjana. Filipina dan Indonesia ju-

ga melangkah ke hadapan.

"Naik taraf ini selari dengan perancangan strategik Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO) 2021-2025 yang mencadangkan ijazah sarjana muda sebagai syarat minimum untuk bekerja dalam bidang kejururawatan dan kebidanan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, jururawat ada-

lah kunci untuk memastikan kesihatan rakyat dapat dilindungi, sekali gus paling dekat dengan masyarakat.

"Oleh itu, nasihat dan fakta berkaitan ilmu kesihatan diberikan jururawat perlu tepat, jelas, saintifik dan profesional," katanya.

Sebelum ini media melapor-

Kemasukan menggunakan ijazah sarjana muda akan membolehkan jururawat di negara mendapat gaji lebih tinggi berbanding diterima sekarang

Saaidah Athman,
Presiden Kesatuan
Jururawat Malaya



kan, pemegang ijazah kejururawatan tidak diterima hospital kerajaan dan swasta di negara ini yang lebih cenderung memilih lulusan diploma kerana gaji lebih murah.

Situasi itu mendorong ramai jururawat tempatan berkelulusan ijazah berhijrah ke luar negara seperti Arab Saudi, Singapura, Brunei serta United Kingdom (UK) yang sedia menerima kemahiran mereka.

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MMA puji tindakan tegas tangani klinik kesihatan haram

Kuala Lumpur: Persatuan Perubatan Malaysia (MMA) mengalu-alukan tindakan tegas oleh Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) dan Jabatan Imigresen terhadap 10 premis di Kuala Lumpur yang didakwa digunakan oleh warga asing untuk mengendalikan klinik kesihatan secara haram.

Presiden MMA, Datuk Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira, menerusi satu kenyataan semalam, turut menggesa orang ramai terus berwaspada dan melaporkan sebarang aktiviti kesihatan haram kepada pihak berkuasa tanpa kelewatan.



Dr Kalwinder Singh

MMA menasihatkan orang ramai mendapatkan perkhidmatan kesihatan hanya daripada fasiliti kesihatan diiktiraf dan berdaftar bagi memastikan keselamatan dan kualiti rawatan.

"MMA sangat bimbang dengan laporan 10 premis di Kuala Lumpur yang didakwa digunakan warga asing untuk mengendalikan klinik kesihatan haram sepanjang tahun lalu.

"Amat membimbangkan apabila 'klinik' ini dilengkapi ubat tidak berdaftar dan peralatan perubatan palsu, manakala rawatan diberikan oleh individu yang tidak berke-



Jabatan Imigresen menyerberu 10 lokasi klinik haram dikendalikan doktor palsu warga asing di sekitar Kuala Lumpur. (Foto ihsan JIM)

layakan," kata Dr Kalwinder.

Dr Kalwinder berkata, semua doktor yang mengamalkan perubatan di Malaysia wajib berdaftar dengan Majlis Perubatan Malaysia (MMC) dan mempunyai Sijil Amalan Tahunan yang sah.

Selain itu, semua premis klinik, mengikut Akta Kemudahan dan Perkhidmatan Penjagaan Ke-

sihatan Swasta 1998 perlu berdaftar dengan Bahagian Amalan Perubatan, Kementerian Kesihatan.

Kelmarin, media melaporkan bahawa Jabatan Imigresen dan Kementerian Kesihatan telah menutup 10 premis di ibu negara yang dipercayai telah beroperasi secara haram sebagai klinik

yang dikendalikan warga Bangladesh sejak setahun lalu.

Pihak berkuasa menyerberu premis yang menyamar sebagai restoran atau kedai runcit di 10 lokasi sekitar bandar, termasuk Jalan Tun Siew Sin, Leboh Pudu, dan Jalan Silang dan menahan 10 lelaki Bangladesh berusia antara 31 hingga 50 tahun. BERNAMA

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UTUSAN MALAYSIA MUKA DEPAN 27/1/2025 (ISNIN)
Telah dikemukakan kepada PM, akan dibincang oleh jawatankuasa khas

Elaun *on-call* doktor naik?

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PUTRAJAYA: Kementerian Kesihatan akan mengkaji elaun bertugas *on-call* doktor yang tidak pernah disemak sejak 12 tahun lalu.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr.

Dzulkefly Ahmad berkata, isu berkenaan antara perkara yang akan dibincangkan jawatankuasa khas yang dipekerusikan Tan Sri Abu Bakar Suleiman termasuk pelaksanaan sistem jadual bekerja berlainan.

Katanya, usaha menambah

baik kadar elaun *on-call* RM9.16 sejam sekarang telah dikemukakan kepada Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim dan Menteri Kewangan II, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan.

"Perdana Menteri dan Amir Hamzah berpandangan untuk perkara ini (elaun *on-call*)

digarap bersama dan bersekali dalam penyelesaian jadual bekerja berlainan nanti.

"Saya mahu perkara-perkara ini disegerakan," katanya di sini semalam.

Bersambung di muka 3

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RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

UTUSAN MALAYSIA m/s 3 b/NEGERI 27/1/2025 (ISNIN)

Elaun *on-call* doktor naik?

Dari muka 1

Dzulkefly berkata, beliau menyerahkan kepada pasukan Jawatankuasa Khas itu untuk mengemukakan terma rujukan yang lebih khusus termasuk tempoh masa untuk menyiapkan kajian berkaitan.

Bagaimanapun, beliau mahu kajian pelaksanaan itu dapat disiapkan dalam tempoh segera sebagai langkah reformasi menyeluruh sistem kesihatan 2025-2026.

"Saya izinkan Tan Sri Abu Bakar dan pasukannya memberikan terma rujukan lebih khusus dan garis masa lebih munasabah.

"Prinsipnya saya mahukan perkara-perkara ini diselesaikan secara tuntas secara 'segera' dalam tempoh masa paling sesuai. Tahun 2025-2026 adalah tahun pelaksanaan reformasi," katanya.

Kelmarin, Jurucakap Hartal Doktor Kontrak mahu elaun *on-call* melibatkan doktor perlu diselesaikan dahulu se-



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belum kerajaan melaksanakan sebarang sistem baharu bagi menambah baik perkhidmatan petugas kesihatan.

Elaun *on-call* iaitu sebanyak RM9.16 sejam masih lagi rendah dan kali terakhir disemak adalah 12 tahun lepas.

Katanya, pada Ogos tahun lalu, kerajaan mempertimbangkan untuk menaikkan kadar elaun sebanyak RM55 hingga RM65 seperti yang diusulkan Hartal Doktor Kontrak tetapi

sehingga kini masih tiada kata putus.

Sebelum ini, kerajaan membatalkan cadangan sistem waktu bekerja berlainan (WBB) iaitu sistem syif baharu untuk petugas kesihatan bagi memberi laluan kepada sebuah kajian lebih mendalam dan menyeluruh yang akan dilaksanakan sebuah jawatankuasa khas dipengerusikan bekas Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan itu.

Pelaksanaan sistem itu mendapat kritikan antaranya berkait syif tugas doktor ditukar untuk bekerja selama 18 jam dari pukul 3 petang hingga pukul 9 pagi keesokannya sehingga mereka tidak mendapat elaun *on-call*.

Bagaimanapun, Dzulkefly menjelaskan, pelaksanaan sebuah projek rintis waktu bekerja berlainan hanya boleh dimulakan dengan kelulusan daripada menteri dan persetujuan oleh Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA).

Petang semalam, ketika

berucap pada Konvensyen Nasional Amanah 2024 di Bandar Bestari, Klang, Dzulkefly berkata, pembatalan projek rintis waktu bekerja berlainan bukan satu keputusan 'flip-flop' atau bertukar pendirian oleh kerajaan.

Katanya, objektif projek rintis bagi mengurangkan beban dan tekanan kerja golongan itu masih dalam peringkat percubaan ketika dibatalkan.

Namun, jelas beliau, perkara itu didedahkan terlebih dahulu tanpa mendapat kelulusannya yang mahu memastikan pandangan semua pihak diambil kira sebelum membuat sesuatu ketetapan.

"Itu (pengumuman awal waktu bekerja berlainan) satu kesilapan. Jadi, bagi menyelesaikannya, saya batalkan dahulu dan akan teruskan dengan mendapat pandangan semua pihak.

"Saya mahu menegaskan bahawa kita tidak akan flip flop dan doakan semua dapat memperbaiki sistem itu," katanya.

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Batal WBB bukan keputusan *flip flop*

Dr Dzulkefly tegaskan sistem itu didedahkan tanpa kelulusan beliau

Oleh NURUL HUDA HUSAIN
KLANG

Kerajaan tidak bersikap *flip flop* atau bertukar-tukar pendirian dalam isu pelaksanaan Waktu Bekerja Berlainan (WBB) melibatkan petugas kesihatan di negara ini.

Sebaliknya, Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad menegaskan sistem yang masih dalam projek rintis itu didedahkan terlebih dahulu tanpa mendapat kelulusan daripadanya.

Beliau yang juga Naib Presiden Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) menjelaskan, kerajaan akan memastikan pandangan semua pihak termasuk petugas kesihatan diambil kira sebelum membuat sesuatu ketetapan.

“(Pengumuman awal mengenai pelaksanaan sistem WBB) itu satu kesilapan dan saya mahu baikinya. Jadi bagi menyelesaikannya saya batalkan dahulu. Kita akan teruskan dengan mendapat pandangan semua pihak.

“Ingin saya tegaskan ini bukan *flip*

flop seperti mana yang disebutkan tetapi satu ketegasan supaya rakyat tahu apabila melibatkan apa dasar ia harus dilakukan libat urus secara meluas.

“Saya beri keyakinan dan penegasan kepada semua bahawa kita tidak akan *flip flop*, sebaliknya beri ketegasan apa yang dilakukan ini (untuk kebaikan semua). Doakan semua dapat perbaiki sistem,” katanya ketika berucap pada Konvensyen Amanah 2024 di salah sebuah hotel di sini pada Ahad.

Jumaat lalu, Dr Dzulkefly mengumumkan projek rintis WBB dibatalkan bagi memberi laluan kepada kajian lebih mendalam dan menyeluruh.

Beliau berkata, Jemaah Menteri memutuskan perkara tersebut selepas mengambil kira pertimbangan dan pandangan semua pihak.

Justeru, menurutnya, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) akan menubuhkan satu jawatankuasa khas yang bakal dipengerusikan oleh bekas Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Abu Bakar Suleiman.

Sinar Harian melaporkan pelaksanaan WBB bertujuan mengurangkan keletihan dan meningkatkan kualiti hidup serta kebajikan petugas kesihatan.

Difahamkan, sistem tersebut mengurangkan tempoh bekerja *on-call* aktif daripada maksimum 33 jam kepada 18 jam untuk setiap sesi kerja kakitangan.



DR DZULKEFLY

AKHBAR : KOSMO
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Karnival Kesihatan Madani tingkat kesedaran penyakit NCD, kanser serviks



WAN AZIZAH (empat dari kiri) ketika merasmikan Bulan Kesedaran Kanser Serviks di Parlimen Bandar Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur semalam.

PETALING JAYA – Dalam usaha memperkukuh kesedaran awam terhadap kepentingan kesihatan dan kesejahteraan rakyat, Karnival Kesihatan Madani telah berlangsung meriah di Parlimen Bandar Tun Razak sempena Bulan Kesedaran Kanser Serviks 2025 semalam.

Dianjurkan dengan kerjasama Pejabat Parlimen Bandar Tun Razak, Yayasan MyPrihatin dan pelbagai agensi kesihatan, karnival itu menawarkan pelbagai perkhidmatan saringan kesihatan bertujuan menggalakkan pengesanan awal penyakit tidak berjangkit (NCD) serta meningkatkan pemahaman masyarakat terhadap bahaya kanser serviks.

Dirasmikan oleh Ahli Parli-

men Bandar Tun Razak, Datuk Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Wan Ismail kelmarin, karnival ini menjadi platform penting bagi mendidik masyarakat tentang langkah pencegahan penyakit, sekali gus menyokong agenda Malaysia Madani ke arah kesejahteraan yang inklusif.

Karnival itu menawarkan pelbagai perkhidmatan kesihatan seperti pemeriksaan NCD, saringan kesihatan jantung, kanser serviks dan mammogram.

Selain itu, turut diadakan pemeriksaan pergigian, perkhidmatan rehabilitasi serta kaunter derma darah.

Dalam ucapannya, Dr. Wan Azizah menekankan kepentingan saringan awal penyakit berkaitan

NCD agar ia boleh dicegah awal selain mengelak dari komplikasi lebih serius.

“Saringan NCD untuk mengesan penyakit ini di peringkat awal ini adalah sangat penting kerana jika dapat dikesan lebih awal, maka intervensi awal boleh dilakukan untuk mencegah komplikasi yang lebih serius dan kos yang tinggi dapat dikurangkan.

“Penyakit yang lambat dikesan akibatnya boleh menjadi sangat parah, menyebabkan rawatannya lebih rumit serta mengurangkan peluang untuk pulih sepenuhnya,” katanya.

Pada karnival itu, beliau turut menyampaikan sumbangan Bakul Ihsan Madani kepada 700 penerima memerlukan.