

AKHBAR : SINAR AHAD  
MUKA SURAT : 2  
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Sinar Ahad 23/2/25 Ahad m/s 2 Nasional

## Bersara awal jejaskan sistem kesihatan Malaysia

**SHAH ALAM** - Kualiti perkhidmatan kesihatan di negara ini akan merosot sekiranya ramai jururawat mengambil keputusan untuk bersara awal.

Pakar perunding motivasi, Dr Tengku Asmadi Tengku Mohamad berkata, situasi tersebut merugikan bukan sahaja negara, malah rakyat Malaysia secara amnya.

Justeru, beliau berkata, kerajaan perlu mencari formula terbaik agar negara tidak berdepan masalah kekurangan tenaga kerja mahir dalam sektor kesihatan.

Menurutnya, Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) perlu menyediakan sistem sokongan bagi membolehkan jururawat saling

mendengar rintihan, meluahkan perasaan, pandangan dan memberi bantuan sesama sendiri.

"KKM dan majikan wajar melakukan kaji selidik secara berkala bagi mengukur tahap kesihatan mental dan tekanan dihadapi petugas kesihatan termasuk jururawat di seluruh negara.

"Majikan juga perlu menyediakan akses mudah kepada kaunselor serta sistem mentor dan mentee terutamanya untuk jururawat yang baru bekerja," katanya kepada



DR TENGKU ASMADI

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Sementara itu, Tengku Asmadi berkata, Malaysia boleh mencontohi negara maju seperti United Kingdom yang menerapkan polisi *Safe Staffing Level* bagi memastikan nisbah jururawat kepada pesakit mencukupi, sekali gus mengurangkan bebanan kerja.

Malah Australia juga mempunyai Strategi Kesihatan Mental dan Kesejahteraan yang menyediakan kaunseling percuma, latihan kesihatan mental dan waktu kerja lebih anjal kepada jururawat.

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# GUMMY CANDIES MAY BE BANNED

Discussions with Health Ministry will take place soon, says deputy minister

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**T**HE Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry is considering banning certain gummy candies following the death of a 10-year-old boy who choked on an eyeball-shaped gummy candy in Penang.

Deputy Minister Fuziah Salleh said the ministry would engage with the Health Ministry to iden-

tify the specific product category and characteristics of these candies.

She said the step was necessary before the product could be classified as a prohibited item.

"The ministry has the authority under the Consumer Protection Act 1999 to issue a Consumer Protection Order — Prohibition on Unsafe Goods.

"Discussions with the Health Ministry will take place soon to confirm the product category so that it can be formally designated as a prohibited item," she told the *New Straits Times*.

Under the Consumer Protection Act 1999, offenders violating the prohibition may face a maximum fine of RM50,000, a jail term of up to three years, or both, upon conviction.

Meanwhile, checks showed that eyeball-shaped gummy candies remain widely sold on online

platforms despite a Health Ministry ban.

Checks on several popular e-commerce platforms yesterday found that the snacks were being sold for as low as 89 sen a piece.

"Despite the ban, some sellers continue to offer these products on live-selling platforms.

Some appear to be clearing their stock by offering bulk sales, selling more than 30 pieces for as little as RM5.

Malaysian Paediatric Association president Associate Professor Dr Mohamad Ikram Ilias said parents should learn from the tragic incident involving Mohamad Fahmi Hafiz Mohamad Fakhruddin, who died on Thursday after choking on an eyeball-shaped gummy candy.

"Chewy candies, such as gummies, can pose a choking hazard, particularly for young children. Parents and guardians are ad-

vised to monitor the food provided to their children, ensuring it is safe and appropriate for consumption," he told Bernama.

The consultant paediatrician said schools and vendors around school areas played a crucial role in ensuring that food items sold are safe and suitable for children.

Fahmi's parents have said they would not blame anyone for their son's death.

Speaking to reporters after his son's burial on Friday, Mohamad Fakhruddin Mohamad Fikri, 35, described the incident as a test from Allah.

"We do not want to assign blame on anyone and accept the loss as part of life's trials.

"We can only hope that other parents will pay close attention to this so as not to suffer the pain we are going through." **Additional reporting by Ilah Hafiz Aziz**