Putrajaya: Kerajaan akan membantu keputusan mengenai tindakan seterusnya berhubung mayat kim Jong-nam, paka waris masyarakat tidak datang untuk memeriksa sampel DNA.

Menangi Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr S Subramaniam, berkata setakat ini kerajaan mengikuti prosedur biasa bagi tuntutan mayat, terutama meminta waris mengeluarkan paspor identiti mayat sebelum mayat diterahkan kepada mereka.

Beliau menegaskan, walaupun Korea Utara berkesempatan untuk mengambil mayat, kerajaan Malaysia tidak semestinya perlu bersatu dengan tuntutan itu.

Ikut protokol
"Kami mengikuti protokol dan peraturan kerajaan adalah punca kerugian (long-nam) dicabut raun sahaja dan ia tidak berlaku. Kami tidak akan serahkan mayat itu sehingga dilengkapi paspor dan mayat menyertai keperluan yang berlaku," kata Dr S Subramaniam.

"Kerajaan akan memutuskan bagaimana untuk menguruskan mayat itu pada hari kejadian.

Wujud pencekalan data
Dalam perkara ini, Kementerian Kesihatan akan mewujudkan pencekalan data yang mengandungi maklumat kesihatan setiap rakyat Malaysia dalam tempoh lima tahun akhir datang, bagi mengelakkan risiko penyakit tidak bersenjata seperti darah tinggi, kencing manis dan tahap kolesterol yang tinggi.

Katanya, 20 klinik di Johor dan Selangor memahami projek ini, yang akan memerlukan kira-kira 300,000 pesakit yang mendaftar perkembangan pledin di klinik itu.
2,277 produk dibatalkan status notifikasi


Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, sepanjang tahun 2015 hingga November 2016, 12,198 barangan kosmetik tidak bermotifikasi bernilai RM1.4 juta dirampas.

“Sistem notifikasi kosmetik di Malaysia diamalkan selaras dengan Sistem Harmonisasi Regulatori Kosmetik yang dilaksanakan di semua negara ASEAN. Ia turut digunakan pula di negara lain seperti negara Kesatuan Eropah memandangkan produk kosmetik secara amnya dikategorikan produk berisiko rendah dan digunakan secara luaran saja,” katanya.


Oleh itu, produk kecantikan seperti suntikan yang mengandungi vitamin C atau glutathione atau kolagen dan produk untuk dimakan tidak dikelaskan sebagai produk kosmetik.

"Kita memandang berat isu berkaitan keselamatan dan kualiti produk kosmetik di pasaran kerana kebela-kanan ini terdapat banyak laporan di media massa yang membabitkan produk yang digunakan untuk tujuan kecantikan. "Siasatan KKM mendapat kebanyakan produk yang dirampas tidak dikategorikan kosmetik. Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah"
Tiada kesan VX

Dua suspek wanita ditahan dalam siasatan pembunuhan Kim Jong-nam tidak mengalami kesan agen saraf VX diguna bagi melakukan pembunuhan itu.

Menteri Kesihatan Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam berkata, mereka tidak menunjukkan tanda-tanda sakit akibat terdedah kepada bahan toksik yang membawa maut itu.
Tiada tempoh tertentu ujian DNA Jong-nam

PUTRAJAYA 1Mac - Kerajaan tidak menetapkan sebarang tempoh tertentu untuk kaum kehargaa abang pemimpin Korea Utara, Kim Jong-nam melakukan ujian asid deoksiribonucleik (DNA).

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Malaysia has final say on Jong-nam’s body, say experts

PETALING JAYA — There is no international law requiring Malaysia to release the body of assassinated Kim Jong-nam to North Korean authorities without the consent of a next of kin, say legal experts.

They said Pyongyang could possibly retrieve the body if North Korean leader Kim Jong-un came forward to identify the body or makes a claim for it as Jong-nam’s half-brother.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Associate Prof Dr Sufian Jusoh said that according to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963, North Korea could only act in proxy of a family member in claiming a body.

“The law is very clear in this regard. North Korea cannot take the body if it has not been authorised by a family member or next of kin, which includes Jong-un,” said Sufian.

“The Vienna convention works with Malaysian regulations put in place by our authorities so safeguard stakeholders,” said Sufian.

Pyongyang has sent its former deputy ambassador to the United Nations, Ri Yong-il, to talk to the government over custody of the body. However, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar had reiterated that Malaysia would only release the body to a next of kin.

Khalid did not disclose the next course of action should a next of kin fail to claim the body.

Malaysian authorities had identified Jong-nam using his diplomatic passport which used the name “Kim Chol”.

Geopolitical expert Azmi Hassan speculated North Korea’s interest in claiming the body could be due to one of two reasons.

“The North Koreans are determined to claim the body because they are either hoping the identity of the deceased remains a mystery or they hope to upset the post-mortem examination’s due process,” he said.

“The scenario surrounding the deceased is no ordinary matter, Malaysia is trying to avoid being accused of biasness,” said Azmi.

Associate Prof Ahmad Mustafizah Mohamed of Universiti Utara Malaysia said both states would have to engage in discussions over the body, but refused to speculate on the outcome of such a meeting.

“The body will remain where it is until a compromise can be made,” he said.

“International and Malaysian laws are very clear that only a family member can claim the body. However, this is a case requiring special attention,” Marzuki said the family’s reluctance to be identified could be due to fear for their lives.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said there was no “deadline” for keeping Jong-nam’s remains.

“Right now we have a body with a passport saying the man is Kim Chol, while the world is saying he is Kim Jong-nam.

“That is why we need the DNA samples to verify if he is the Kim Jong-nam everyone is talking about,” Dr Subramaniam said when responding to media queries at the Health Ministry’s weekly press conference.

He said the body at the Hospital Kuala Lumpur morgue would not be released until it was identified and it would only be released to the right people.

“We have a protocol we follow when dealing with unclaimed bodies that belong to Malaysians. But the approach for this case will be different due to the international publicity surrounding it,” he said.

“This is a high profile case with international attention, so we have to make a decision at the government level as to how to deal with it. “The procedure will need to be in the best interest of all parties” Dr Subramaniam said Putrajaya would try to contact Jong-nam’s family through the Foreign Ministry.
Malaysia firm on stand to release remains only to family

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia will remain firm on its stand to release Kim Jong-nam’s remains only to his next of kin despite the demands of North Korea’s latest envoy.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said his ministry would “reflect the stand of the government”.

“We will only release the body to the rightful people, which is his family. And we’ve already determined the cause of death. We’re not going to change it (the stand). This is the country’s decision,” he told a packed press conference at his ministry.

He said no deadline had been set for Jong-nam’s family to claim the body.

“If the deceased is Malaysian, our procedure is to wait three to four months before advertising it in the papers, and declare it as an unclaimed body if the family fails to claim it.

“But because of the implications of this international case, the Malaysian government will have to decide on the next course of action if the next of kin fails to turn up and claim the body after a long period. Of course, we will decide on a conclusion that is acceptable to everybody.”

Dr Subramaniam was commenting on the demands of former North Korean deputy permanent representative to the United Nations II Tong-il, who arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday and immediately told reporters that he would be the spokesman for anything to do with the case of the death of Jong-nam on Feb 13.

Tong-il had said he would negotiate with the Malaysian government, demanding the release of Jong-nam’s remains and for a North Korean man arrested in connection with the case to be set free.

Dr Subramaniam said the North Korean delegation had not met him.

“They met other members of the cabinet. But there is no indication that the North Korean government will cooperate.” He said the priority for his ministry was to ascertain the identity of the deceased based on the DNA samples that could be obtained from his next of kin.

“We need to identify the body. It’s taking us a long time because we have yet to get the samples from his next of kin. (There has been) no progress on the matter.

“At this point, the deceased is ‘Kim Chol’, based on his passport. We do not have a specimen for us to say (definitively that it’s) Kim Jong-nam. Only after we get samples from his family can we be certain.”

The Foreign Ministry and police, according to Dr Subramaniam, had been tasked with contacting Jong-nam’s family.

All parties involved in the Jong-nam case are expected to have a high-level meeting this week.

“Our Forensics Department has been sharing information with the police. The toxicology report has also been given to the police. Any additional info that we have, we will give it to the police,” said Dr Subramaniam.

On Vietnamese Doan Thi Huong, 29, and Indonesian Siti Aisyah, 25, who have been charged with murdering Jong-nam, he said the ministry would monitor their health.

“We are monitoring them. We are taking care of their health. We don’t know why they are not contaminated by the VX (nerve agent). We do not know how they are protected (from it).”

Police have handed over the interrogation paper (IP) on North Korean national Ri Jong-chol, the third suspect investigated for the assassination of Jong-nam, to the Attorney-General’s Chambers.

Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohd Aminudin Ali yesterday confirmed that he had received the IP, but said he had yet to make a decision on whether to prosecute the 47-year-old.

A local daily reported that Jong-chol might be released after his remand ended on Friday due to insufficient evidence connecting him to the assassination.

A senior policeman, when contacted, remained tight-lipped when asked if it was true that Jong-chol would be released once his remand was over.

In Tokyo, state-run Korean Central News Agency says North Korea is strongly denying the findings of the autopsy that suggested the deadly VX nerve agent was used to kill leader Kim Jong-un’s half-brother — or “Kim Chol, a citizen of North Korea bearing a diplomatic passport”, as its media and officials on the scene insist the victim be called.

The news agency yesterday said the claim that small amounts of the extremely toxic nerve agent were detected in the corpse was an “absurdity” lacking “scientific accuracy and logical coherence.”
Jong-nam’s body will not be released to N. Korean delegation, says Subra

PUTRAJAYA: Wisma Putra has received a request for a meeting from a North Korean high-level delegation, which is in the country to retrieve the body of Kim Jong-nam.

However, they are not likely to get their way as Health Minister Dato’ Sri Dr. S. Subramaniam has announced that they would not yield to any such request unless it is made by the next of kin.

Foreign Ministry sources said the request came in “recently” but officials said some time before a meeting can be arranged.

Dr. Subramaniam said the Government hoped Jong-nam’s relatives would come forward and provide DNA samples to conclude the forensic procedures.

“We want to reach a conclusion in this matter. We are not giving a deadline or timeframe for the next of kin to identify and claim the body.

“If eventually no one comes forward and claims the body, then a decision will have to be made, and it will be made by the Government,” he said in a press conference before his post-Cabinet meeting yesterday.

Dr. Subramaniam also confirmed that a North Korean “high-level” delegation was in Malaysia and had met with members of the Cabinet.

“They did not meet me. They met with other Cabinet members and had a discussion with them.

“But whatever they have asked or requested, as far as we are concerned, we will abide by our own protocols,” he said.

He said the Government was firm that it would not give in to any request for the body to be released to North Korea.

Dr. Subramaniam said the protocols followed included identifying the body of Jong-nam and announcing the cause of death.

“He died due to a nerve poison. We will not change that. Neither are we releasing the body until it is identified, and we will only release it to the rightful people, which is the next of kin,” he added.

“We have not received any contact from them (next of kin), but we are not sure if the police have. The task of contacting the relatives is left to the police and the Foreign Ministry,” he said.

Dr. Subramaniam said none of those who came into contact with Jong-nam, including the two suspects and 13 medical staff who had attended to him during the incident, at KLIA2, had shown signs of poisoning from the deadly VX nerve agent.

“Although one of the women did suffer from vomiting and diarrhoea, there is no other indication that anyone has been poisoned,” he said.

The North Korean delegation, which includes the country’s former ambassador to the United Nations Ri Tong-il also wants to ensure the release of a citizen from police custody and develop friendly relations with Malaysia.

Only a handful of media personnel waited at the gates of Wisma Putra yesterday and they left around noon after receiving a tip-off that no such meeting would be held.