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In Solidarity with Healthcare Workers Under Investigation

The Malaysian Health Coalition is extremely disappointed with the recent news of police investigations towards healthcare workers who participated in the Code Black and Black Monday events that intend to highlight the need for fairer terms of service for Malaysia's health workers. We are in solidarity with healthcare workers who are under investigation, and believe that the freedom of expression, as enshrined in Article 10 of the Constitution of Malaysia, must be preserved.

Throughout their participation in the movement, Malaysia's healthcare workers have selflessly performed their duty of care for their patients without any public disruption, violence, or threats. Healthcare workers should be allowed to speak their minds and raise their concerns through proper channels, including on matters concerning their rights and welfare and also patient safety. These official channels must be responsive in a timely manner, as well as efficient to manage the issues at hand.

Separately, we urge all government leaders (including senior civil servants) to treat frontliners with compassion and responsible leadership. They must provide safe and responsible workplaces for our health professionals, including acknowledging and promptly dealing with legitimate concerns. Warnings and gag orders can be counter-productive especially if the official channels are not working

We urge the police and relevant authorities to exercise prudence in the investigations, and act with kindness and compassion as fellow public servants in controlling the pandemic.

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