

## **Deputy health minister defends Noor Hisham, calls him no 1 frontliner**

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Deputy Health Minister Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali has defended Health Ministry director-general Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

Noor Azmi said it was irresponsible and unreasonable to condemn the credibility and sacrifices of Noor Hisham in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic in the country.

“If we are referring to frontliners, Dr Noor Hisham is the number one person or the most in front in the war against Covid-19 all these times.

“He has dedicated a huge part of his life to protect the health of all Malaysians, not only during this pandemic,” he said in a statement.

He said everyone at the ministry, including Health Minister Dr Adham Baba and Noor Hisham, would meet, discuss and exchange ideas daily to find ways to address the spread of virus.

“All parties have given their full commitment and Noor Hisham, as the director-general, has definitely led by example,” he said.

On Wednesday, Bintulu MP Datuk Tiong King Sing, when debating the Supply Bill 2021 at the Dewan Rakyat, had made a remark that Dr Noor Hisham “is afraid to die”.

Tiong questioned why he didn’t personally go to Sabah to monitor the Covid-19 situation and instead held daily press conferences on television.

The controversial statement prompted Jelutong MP RSN Rayer to stand up and ask deputy speaker Azalina Othman Said, who was chairing the session, to stop Tiong from condemning the Health Ministry director-general and demand that the statement is retracted.

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