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# Royals extend condolences, Najib wants quick probe

**JOHOR BARU:** Members of the Johor royal family led the flood of condolences that poured in for the family of abused boy Mohamad Thaqif Amin Mohd Gaddafi, who died yesterday. And the Prime Minister wants investigations into his death to be expedited.

Johor Ruler Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar extended his condolences with a photo of Mohamad Thaqif with the words Al-Fatihah posted on both his official Facebook page and Instagram account.

A subsequent post on both official social media accounts also shared Johor Permaisuri Raja Zarith Sofiah Sultan Idris Shah's condolences.

The post stated that she had visited Mohamad Thaqif and his parents at the hospital on Tuesday.

The Johor Darul Tazim (JDT) football team also posted on the Johor Southern Tigers Facebook page.

"We from JDT Family would like to offer condolences to the family of Allahyarham Mohamad Thaqif Amin, who passed away on April 26th 2017. May he rest in peace. Al-Fatihah," read the statement.

The page usually reflects the thoughts of the Tunku Mahkota of Johor Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim.

Tunku Temenggong of Johor, Tunku Idris Iskandar Sultan Ibrahim, also offered his condolences and advised the public not to play the blame game.

"Instead of making harsh comments, let's give our love and support to the family during this sad time. Anger and hate has (sic) and never will fix anything," he said in an Instagram posting.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said on his Facebook page: "I want the investigations into the case to be accelerated so that we know the cause of his death and for legal action to be taken if there was an offence."

"I am sad to receive news on Mohd Thaqif Amin's death at the Hospital Sultan Ismail, Johor Baru. Condolences to the family," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi on Twitter also expressed sympathy.

"Condolences to the family, hoped

he will be placed amongst the martyrs. Al-Fatihah," he said.

MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said he was saddened by the news of the boy's death.

"My sincere condolence to his family. We need to do more to protect our children, our future," he said.

MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong described the incident as "very regrettable".

"I am shocked and very sad to hear about Thaqif Amin's passing in Johor. My deepest condolences to his family and friends," he posted on his Facebook.

Dr Wee also urged the authorities to investigate the cause and take the appropriate action.

"Not only for this incident but

hopefully, to prevent all future unwarranted actions that threaten the life and limb of our students," he added.

Johor Mentri Besar Datuk Mohamed Khaled Nordin also urged all parties to refrain from speculating and making the situation more complicated than it already is.

"All should remain calm in this matter and let the authorities carry out the necessary investigations," he said in a statement.

State Health, Environment, Information and Education Committee chairman Datuk Ayub Rahmat said aid had been channelled to the family through the Johor Islamic Council to help them through such trying times.

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