

DPM, wife extend condolences over Adrian's murder
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KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman expressed their condolences and regret over the murder of Adrian Jay Pereira on Monday.

"I and all Malaysians feel very sad over the untimely death of Adrian. His loss will surely be felt by his family, friends and university mates.

"The government will obtain detailed information and request the Indonesian government's cooperation in the investigation over his tragic death," he said.

Adrian, 22, was a third year medical student at Brawijaya University, Malang, Indonesia, The Public Service Department scholar had another two years before graduation.

The eldest of three siblings of a single mother was murdered on Monday evening in East Java by a thief who failed to steal his motorcycle.

The murderer had apparently waited for Adrian outside his house and slashed him from the back when he returned after a futile chase.

His mother Mary Catherine de Cruz, a medical transcriptionist said her son was almost decapitated in the vicious attack.

Muhyiddin assured that justice and due punishment would be imposed once the criminal was apprehended.

He called upon Adrian's family to be patient and that the government would expedite the process of retrieving his body from Indonesia.

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