

IGP Dismisses Claim That Kim Chol Died Of A Heart Attack

KUALA LUMPUR, March 2 (Bernama) -- Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar today dismissed claims by North Korea that Kim Chol probably died of a heart attack.

Khalid said Malaysian experts had already confirmed that Kim Chol died after two women suddenly wiped his face with their hands laced with suspected poison which was later confirmed to be VX nerve agent.

"We have our experts who are qualified to determine cause of death of Kim Chol. Our investigations and supported by expert reports confirmed that Kim Chol was murdered. North Korea can say what they like but the facts remain," he said when contacted by Bernama News Channel today.

Khalid said this in response to North Korean embassy's official spokesperson Ri Tong-il who had during a press conference today claimed that Kim Chol died of a heart attack and not poisoned.

Meanwhile, Khalid said there was no need for them to hand over the sample of chemicals used in the murder to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

Kim Chol died on Feb 13, after two women smeared his face with a chemical at klia2 where he was scheduled to leave for Macau.

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