

## **Ri Jong-Chol To Be Handed Over To Immigration Tomorrow - Noor Rashid**

KUALA LUMPUR, March 2 (Bernama) -- A North Korean citizen detained in connection with the murder of a fellow countryman on Feb 13, will be handed over to the Immigration Department tomorrow for repatriation back home.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Tan Sri Noor Rashid Ibrahim said the decision to repatriate Ri Jong-chol, 47, was made after referring to the Attorney-General.

"We have referred it to the Attorney-General who found inadequate evidence to charge him in court. As such, the police will hand him over to the Immigration tomorrow for repatriation to his country of origin," he told Bernama today.

Jong-chol was remanded since Feb 18 to aid the probe into the murder of Kim Chol, widely reported as Kim Jong-nam, the estranged half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

On Feb 13, Jong-nam was at KL International Airport 2 (klia2) for a flight to Macau when two women suddenly wiped his face with toxic liquid which was later identified as VX nerve agent.

Jong-nam reportedly sought help at a customer service counter at the airport and was rushed to Putrajaya Hospital but died on the way.

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