

Correctional officer stops person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

A correctional officer stopped a 55-year-old male person in custody from attempting suicide by hanging in Stanley Prison today (November 30).

At 5.19am today, a correctional officer found a person in custody attempting suicide by hanging with his bedsheet tied to the window grille bars of his cell. The officer at the scene immediately called for reinforcement to help stop the act. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving an examination and treatment, he was sent to a public hospital for further treatment. A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of wounding with intent in November 2020.