

# Correctional officer stops person in custody from committing suicide by hanging

â€A correctional officer stopped a 19-year-old male person in custody from committing suicide by hanging in Pik Uk Correctional Institution yesterday (March 11).

At 9.08pm yesterday, a correctional officer found the person in custody attempting suicide by hanging with a bedsheet tied to the grille bars of his cell. The officer immediately called for reinforcement to rescue and provide first-aid treatment to him. The person in custody was found conscious at the time and was subsequently 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, improvements of institution facilities, staff training and first-aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to undergo drug treatment at an addiction treatment centre for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in November 2024.