

Adding to list of unsolved problems

Now Labuan hospital roof is also leaking

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LABUAN: The opposition PKR here urged the Health Ministry to provide a bigger allocation to the Labuan Nucleus hospital and help brush-up its image as the facilities and services at the 1995-built hospital seem to be falling below satisfaction level.

Its chairman Simsudin Sidek said this in reference to the leaking roof at the upper floor of the hospital.

"We have been told that the roof had been in such a condition for quite some time and on Sept 9 during a heavy down-pour the entire floor was dangerously slippery," he said.

He said such incidents did not help to project a good image of the hospital. Unlike other bigger towns, Labuan had no private hospital resulting in the govern-

ment hospital being relied by everyone on the island, including expatriates and hundreds of outstation students at the UMS Labuan International campus, Matriculation College, ect."

Simsudin hoped the roof would be repaired immediately unlike the lift which was replaced only after two years of complaints, including being raised at the Umno delegates conference, here.

He said he also heard complaints that the water heaters at the main wards were not functioning. Besides he noted the air-con system at the grade five polyclinic was no longer functioning.

Simsudin said the hospital had a maximum supply of one megawatt of power and this was no longer sufficient due to additional equipment's added to the hospital. As a result patients were unable to

even charge their headphones or Ipads.

"Hospital stay should be made comfortable and convenient to the patients as such would help in quick recovery. It should not be a place to suffer more stress than at home," remark Simsudin.

On another matter, he said the parking lots were also not sufficient. He believed this was due to despite claims by the hospital management that there were sufficient medical officers, visiting patients were not promptly reviewed due to shortage of doctors and this caused a held-up of patients in the waiting rooms and prolonged use of parking lots."

He said sometimes the waiting room hardly had enough seats.

Simsudin hoped that the management would address these problem without further delay.



The wet floor due to the leaking hospital roof.