

Correctional officers stop remand person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

Correctional officers stopped a 24-year-old male remand person in custody from attempting suicide by hanging in Stanley Prison yesterday (June 26).

At 8.47pm yesterday, a correctional officer found the remand person in custody attempting suicide by hanging himself with a bedsheet tied to the window grille bar of the cell. The officer immediately called for reinforcements to help stop the act. The person in custody was still conscious when found. After examination and treatment by the institution Medical Officer, he was referred to a public hospital for further observation and 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 its custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, the improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was remanded for the offence of fraud in November 2018.