

Person in custody found unconscious and died in public hospital 11 days later

A 62-year-old male person in custody at Pik Uk Prison was sent to a public hospital for treatment after being found unconscious in the institution on October 28 and was subsequently certified dead today (November 8).

The person in custody suffered from heart disease, hypertension and diabetes mellitus. He required continuous medical care and follow-up at the institution hospital and public hospitals. At 1.23pm on October 28, he was found fainted by a correctional officer in the exercise yard. The institution hospital officer immediately provided first aid treatment to the person in custody and called for an ambulance to send him to a public hospital for treatment. Since then, he received in-patient treatment in the public hospital with the diagnosis of myocardial infarction. His condition suddenly deteriorated this morning and he was certified dead at 11.54am.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The person in custody was convicted for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in December 2013.