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KUALA LUMPUR: The Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF) secretariat will lodge a police report over a news article which claimed that Covid-19 vaccines were being sold by unscrupulous parties for up to RM800 per dose.

Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme (NIP) coordinating minister Khairy Jamaluddin said police are also investigating earlier claims, including one of someone attempting to sell the vaccines.

The matter, he said, has been referred to the deputy public prosecutor.

"We take all these allegations and reports seriously when it is highlighted on social media or in any mainstream media. We will immediately lodge a police report for the police to investigate.



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"In this particular case, I am sure the CITF secretariat will also file a police report.

"We seriously view any claims of sales of vaccines that are outside the purview of the NIP or Public-Private Partnership Industrial Covid-19 Immunisation Programme or any of the approved private vaccination market later on," he said.

Khairy was asked to comment on a Sinar Harian report today which quoted sources as claiming that the vaccines, which are given free to recipients under the national inoculation programme, are instead being sold illegally as a 'side income.'

The report quoted a Health Ministry source as claiming that this was happening in several vaccination centres (PPV) in the Klang Valley, with each dose being priced from RM200 to RM800.

The report claimed that those involved include PPV staff.

The report also claimed that such activities had reduced as many had been caught red-handed.

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