

UMS student found dead after fall from Chancellor's Hall ceiling

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KOTA KINABALU: A first-year student of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) was found dead on Thursday after he was believed to have fallen from the ceiling of the university's Chancellor's Hall onto the stage.

Kota Kinabalu OCPD Assistant Commissioner Kasim Muda said police received a distress call from UMS at about 10am after two maintenance workers discovered the student unconscious inside the hall. The 23-year-old victim was taken to the Women and Children's Hospital in Likas, where he was pronounced dead at about 11.10am.

"Initial examination found no external injuries on the victim except those believed to be from a fall," ACP Kasim said in a statement.

He added that CCTV footage revealed the student had fallen at around 6pm on Wednesday.

"It is unclear what he was doing above the walls near the ceiling, and police are calling for witnesses to come forward to assist investigations," he said.

The case is currently being investigated as a sudden death. Police urged the public not to speculate or spread unverified information.

In a Facebook post, UMS identified the student as Aiman Hakim bin Norazam from the Faculty of Science and Technology and extended condolences to his family. The university's corporate communication department issued a statement requesting privacy for the family and urging against speculation that could disrupt the investigation.

UMS added that further action would depend on the investigation findings and that the university would fully cooperate with police.