

## PRESS STATEMENT SABAH LAW SOCIETY EXPRESSES CONCERN AND CONDEMNS THE ATTACK ON A LAW FIRM IN KOTA KINABALU

The Sabah Law Society (SLS) expresses its concern and condemns the recent incident in Kota Kinabalu, where a Molotov cocktail was hurled into the premises of a law firm on the evening of January 14, 2025. This unsettling act underscores the need to ensure the safety and security of legal professionals who play an essential role in upholding justice and the rule of law.

Lawyers serve as advocates for their clients, working within the confines and the boundaries of the law to support the fair administration of justice. It is important to remember that lawyers are not decision-makers in legal disputes; these are matters for the courts to determine. Any actions that intimidate or harm members of the legal profession not only endanger individuals but also threaten public confidence in the justice system.

The SLS hopes the authorities will thoroughly investigate this matter and take appropriate steps to bring those responsible to account.

The safety of the legal fraternity is a high priority for the Sabah Law Society, and we remain committed to supporting our members so they can carry out their duties without fear or interference.

The SLS stands in full solidarity with the affected law firm and extends its support to the legal community during this difficult time. This incident serves as a reminder of the importance of vigilance, mutual understanding, and collective efforts to uphold the rule of law and ensure that the legal profession remains secure, remains safe and lawyers are able to represent their clients without fear.

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