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Free Press Staff Reporter

THREE cases in which illegal abortions were performed in Singapore by the use of "abortion sticks" are reported in the latest issue of the journal published by the Alumni Association of the King Edward VII College of Medicine.

All three patients died in the General Hospital after developing tetanus. After one of the deaths, information was obtained that a woman had performed the abortion. A trap was set by the Police and an arrest was made.

The journal says that the "abortion sticks" used in such cases have been traced to the plant cheraka merah (plumbago rosea).

The cases show the dangerous association of tetanus infection by the use of such sticks in abortion.

In one case, a 29-year-old Filipino woman, who was pregnant, was admitted into hospital and gave the history of having had the assistance of a Malay woman in producing abortion. She developed tetanus and died in hospital.

Lack of evidence

No police investigation concerning the abortionist was made in this case because of lack of evidence.

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evidence says the journal. In another case, a 25-year-old Chinese woman had an abortion carried out by a Malay woman. She developed tetanus and died in hospital. Information led to an arrest. In a third case, a Chinese housemaid was admitted into hospital with clinical symptoms of tetanus. An autopsy performed after her death gave conclusive evidence that an abortion had been carried out.



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