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Special task force to combat dengue

> Its priority is to curb rising cases immediately to assuage public anxiety

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PETALING JAYA: The government will set up a special task force to combat the dengue epidemic and assuage public anxiety, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak announced yesterday.

The task force will be headed by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and include Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam and Urban Wellbeing, Housing, and Local Government Minister Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan.

State governments, local governments and all relevant authorities will be working closely with the task force to curb the rising cases of dengue and to implement more effective prevention methods.

"The government hopes that this special task force will be able to curb the rise of dengue cases immediately and implement prevention steps more effectively throughout the country," Najib said in a statement.

As of June 21 this year, 42,229 cases of dengue fever had been recorded, an increase of 248% compared to 12,143 cases at the same time in 2013.

The majority of cases were from Selangor, where 57.3% or 24,197 cases have been detected while Perak, the state with the second highest number of cases, has 2,666 cases.

Fatality from dengue fever had also increased by 228% or 82 cases this year compared to 25 cases over the same period last year.

A total of 75 hotspots have been identified throughout the nation, with 64 of them in Selangor, seven in Negri Sembilan, three in Kelantan, and one in Sarawak.

Meanwhile, Subramanian advised the public and all government agencies to observe several dengue prevention methods during the fasting month.

They are:

(i) Ensure that areas surrounding a mosque, surau, or solat terawih are free of Aedes breeding grounds.

(ii) Ensure that bazaars are free of Aedes breeding grounds.

(iii) Organisers of Ramadan bazaars must observe cleanliness on their premises and do not litter, especially when it comes to rubbish which may accumulate water that could turn into Aedes breeding grounds.

(iv) Use mosquito repellent and wear long-sleeved clothing to avoid bites, especially during morning and evening.

(v) Ensure that residences are free of Aedes breeding grounds.

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Major study on monkey malaria

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PETALING JAYA: A major study is under way on the risk factors for human infection of monkey malaria.

The project, funded by a five-year grant from the UK Research Councils (2012-2017), is being done in Sabah in collaboration with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin, Australia, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, the Sabah Wildlife Department, Universiti Malaya and other regional partner institutions from the Philippines.

This research comes in the wake of Malaysia seeing a significant rise in monkey malaria cases, especially in Sabah.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital's infectious disease physician Dr Timothy William said although Malaysia aims to become malaria free by 2020 with a significant drop in malaria cases from 50,000 in 1995 to about 2,500 in 2011, the number of people suffering from monkey malaria is on the rise of late.

This has also resulted in the Health Ministry collaborating with the Menzies School of Health Research in finding a suitable treatment for the disease.

The studies are funded by the Health Ministry and the Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network (APMEN).

Timothy said monkey malaria is posing a significant challenge to Malaysia's goal of eliminating malaria by the year 2020.

"Monkey malaria is now the most common cause of malaria in Malaysia, particularly in Sabah and Sarawak," he told *theSun*.

It was thought to be a rare disease until a large focus of human infections was described in Kapit, Sarawak in 2005 by Professor Balbir Singh and his team from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak.

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MASRY CHE ANI/ THESUN

OUT OF DANGER ... Ammar Muqrish Zulkiffli, 12, who fell into a coma after being infected with Japanese Encephalitis (JE) has regained consciousness. Penang Pantai Hospital neurologist Dr Wong Yee Choon said the Year Six pupil of SK Kampung Selamat is out of danger but urged caution as he is still in a semi-conscious state and is unable to walk or talk.

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Pig farmers call for calm over JE case

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GEORGE TOWN: Penang pig farmers have called for calm after a 12-year-old boy was infected with the Japanese Encephalitis (JE) virus which is transmitted to humans via the culex mosquitoes but finds its host in pigs and other animals like mice, rabbits and birds.

Penang and Province Wellesley Farmers' Association Pig Farmers committee chairman Tan Kwei Hin said they should not be blamed until there was evidence to finger the animals as the cause.

He added the Penang Veterinary Services Department had taken samples from pig farms in Tasek Gelugor, where the victim is from.

"If the results are positive then tell the public, but if the results are negative then tell the public too. This is affecting our business," he said when contacted.

Department officers had collected 200 blood samples from pig farms in Kampung Selamat, Tasek Gelugor, yesterday morning.

The samples will be tested in laboratories in Penang and Ipoh and results are expected to be out on Friday. Tan said members have been urged to give their full cooperation to authorities in the matter.

He said the government has been strict with their operations all these while to ensure all rules are followed.

"Blood samples are taken once a month and officers show up unannounced at the farms. Please be fair to us, we do not want things like this to happen," he added.

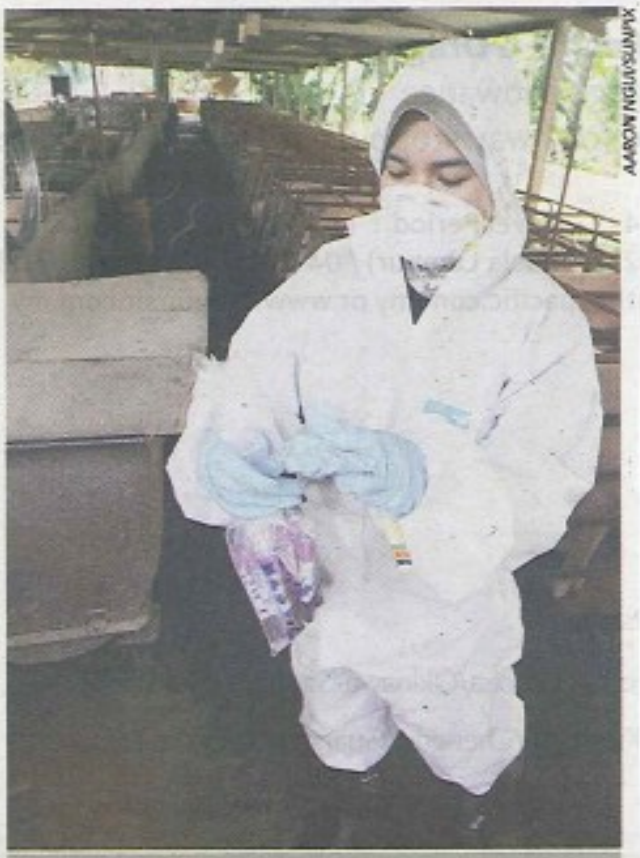
Ammar Murqish Zulkifli, a Year Six pupil of Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Selamat, who was admitted in a coma to a private hospital in Bayan Baru, regained consciousness yesterday.

Meanwhile, Bernama in a report from Tasek Gelugor, said no new case of JE has been detected in Kg Selamat.

Penang Health director Datuk Dr Lailanor Ibrahim urged the public not to worry as the department had carried out control and prevention activities in the area.

The state health and veterinary departments were closely monitoring the situation and prevention measures, including giving health education to residents and active case finding would continue to be carried out, Lailanor told Bernama yesterday.

The public has also been advised to get immediate treatment at clinics or hospitals should they have any symptoms of fever, headache, nausea and vomiting.


AARON NGUI/SUN PIX

A veterinary officer labelling and tagging samples taken from pigs at a farm in Kampung Selamat, Tasek Gelugor. The samples will be sent to labs in Penang and Ipoh to test for the JE virus.

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A case for separation of roles

WE refer to the letter "Docs' right to dispense medicine" (*The Star*, June 27) with interest and would like to point out certain conflicting statements made by the writer.

From the time of apothecary, dispensing of medicines was considered as a professional obligation of the pharmacists.

The Arabs, for instance, separated the art of apothecary and physicians in the eighth century and the Europeans followed suit through Frederick II of Hohenstaufen edict in 1240.

Thus, for many centuries, in most countries, health professionals other than pharmacists were not allowed to dispense medication.

In Malaysia in1985, the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) and the Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society (MPS) had a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to recognise dispensing as the professional role of pharmacists.

However, because of the severe shortage of pharmacists, the doctors were legally allowed to dispense medications.

Now, with about 1,000 new pharmacy graduates entering the workforce annually, pharmacists in this country are more than ready to do what they have been trained for.

Furthermore, the practice of dispensing medicine has now evolved into more than the mere act of giving out medicines. Dispensing now involves intricate knowledge and skills in pharmacology, clinical pharmacy, pharmacoeconomic, pharmaceutical technology, physiology and forensic pharmacy in order to ensure the right medicine is given to the right patient at the right time.

Certain quarters have asked: Why change something that seems to have worked well for many years?

In considering the merits of a separation of roles, three issues need to be addressed:

> **Convenience**: A separation of the services will entail going to two places – first to see the doctor and then to collect medications from the pharmacist. While it might appear this will inconvenience the patient, this might not necessarily be so.

Take, for example, a general hospital. One can receive the treatment in one room and still cross over to another block to collect the medications. By the same token, pharmacies which are located close to a clinic will serve just as well.

> **Cost**: It is well-known that clinics have a limited range of medications. There are instances where prescriptions have to be written out by doctors for patients to purchase them from a pharmacy. Pharmacies would not only have a wider range of inventory but in most instances would be cheaper than the local GP.

> **Safety**: With medication error rate in primary care as high as 40% (Malaysian Institute of Health Service Research), a professional trained at detecting such errors could significantly reduce its serious and fatal consequences.

At present in the majority of private GP clinics, dispensing is usually done by unqualified persons. This will expose the patient to a higher rate of medication errors.

Any discussion on the dispensing separation policy should consider the issues above.

Further, in order to successfully implement dispensing separation, the following factors need to be looked into:

a) The need for rescheduling of the current Malaysian poison list. Currently, some of the medicines such as those listed for the treatment of diabetes e.g. Daonil® and Diamicron® are being categorised as group "C" poisons which can be sold by pharmacists without a doctor's prescription.

With the implementation of dispensing separation, it is imperative that more drugs from group "C" are moved to group "B" poisons which can only be dispensed with a doctor's prescription. This move will help the doctors monitor their patient's health regularly as the patients need to see them for their prescriptions.

The Pharmaceutical Services Division proposed a new Pharmacy Bill since 2012 to replace the pre-independence legislations, namely the Registration of Pharmacists Act 1951, Poisons Act 1952, Sale of Drugs Act 1952, and Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) Act 1956.

These legislations were outdated to meet the current challenges and it was hoped the new bill would shape a new paradigm in drug scheduling in the country.

b) Establish the need for a pharmacist-physician patient referral system. Related authorities should establish a pharmacist-patient referral system to the GPs.

Currently, doctors only receive referrals from their medical peers. According to recent recommendations by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the International Federation of Pharmacy (FIP), establishing such a system would help overcome the problems of "under-diagnosed" ailments in the community as some of the findings from initial screening tests that can be performed by pharmacists will be evaluated further by a medical doctor.

We believe there is room for implementation of dispensing separation in Malaysia. At most institutions across the world and Malaysia, medical specialists are also intensely involved in teaching clinical aspects of disease management to pharmacy students during their clinical years.

Therefore, mutual insight into each other's professional roles is needed and any personal conflict should be avoided as it will mar the professional images of both professions.

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- Rise in cases due to hot and wet weather
- Possibility of a new strain being looked into

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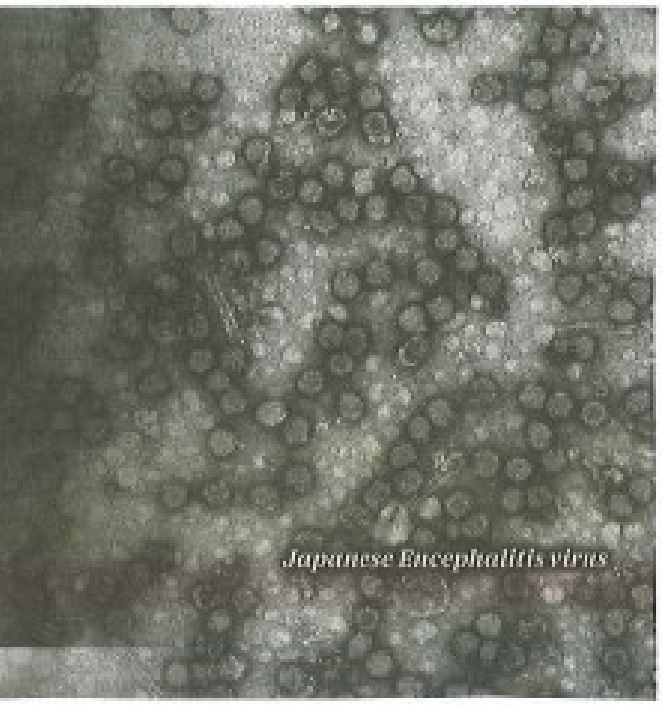

Japanese Encephalitis virus

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DPM heads task force on dengue

ALARMING: Steps to be taken to address surge in number of cases nationwide

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Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin will oversee the task force, which comprises three ministries

THE government has set up a special task force to address public concerns over the rise in dengue cases in the country.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said yesterday the task force would be led by his deputy, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Najib hoped that with the establishment of the task force, the number of cases recorded could be significantly reduced.

The task force will also implement dengue preventive measures nationwide.

Najib said the task force would comprise ministers from the Health, Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government as well as Works Ministries, which would be assisted by state governments, local councils and the relevant authorities.

It was reported that the nation would see a spike in dengue cases, especially in urban areas, which could exceed to more than 60,000 this year.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam was recently quoted as saying that the total number of reported dengue cases this year rose to 42,229, compared with 12,143 in the same period last year.

As of June 21, 82 people had succumbed to dengue nationwide compared with 25 over the same period last year.

Last week alone, four deaths were recorded in Selangor and Johor.

A total of 453 dengue hot spots was identified nationwide.

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Villagers spooked by Penang JE case

CONCERN: Veterinary officers collect blood samples at piggeries in bid to ease fears

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RESIDENTS of Kampung Selamat are alarmed by news of a 12-year-old boy contracting Japanese Encephalitis (JE).

Despite the fact that the boy is the only case there, the lingering memory of the Bukit Pelanduk incident in Negri Sembilan 15 years ago has given many of them nightmares.

Residents said they had been putting up with a strong stench and polluted waterways, believed to be from nearby piggeries, for the past 20 years. They had protested, asking for their relocation.

But the Penang government announced last year it would not close down the pig farms as it would affect the pork supply in the state. State authorities also said the pig farmers had complied with rules and regulations.

*State Veterinary Department officer **Dr Nabilah Abdul Talib** collecting pig blood samples.* Pic by Amir Irsyad Omar

However, traders of the Feldarun Pusat Industri Asas Tani were worried that their safety and businesses would be badly affected.

Hasnah Harun, a frozen foods manufacturer, said she was worried that the demand for cottage-industry products would drop drastically.

"Hari Raya is coming and we have prepared a lot of *kuih*. We are afraid we will not be able to sell them in light of the JE case," she told the *New Straits Times*.

Another trader, Azian Arshad, 57, said mosquitoes and flies had been more prevalent in the village of late.

There are 84 pig farms with more than 100,000 pigs in the area. Pigs are known carriers of the JE virus.

To quell fears of JE spreading, Penang Veterinary Department officers, with the assistance of the Seberang Prai Municipal Council officers, visited 20 piggeries to take blood samples.

State Veterinary Department officer Dr Nabilah Abdul Talib, who led the team to the farms, collected some 200 blood samples.

"We will most likely get the results by Friday," she said.

Dr Nabilah said the samples would be sent to the department's laboratories in nearby Bukit Tengah and Ipoh for analysis.

The Penang and Province Wellesley Farmers' Association said it had followed health and safety guidelines.

Its piggeries unit chief, Tan Kwei Hin, said it was unfair for the public to pass judgment on the farms as there was no evidence.

"We knew about this problem only two months ago. We asked the authorities to take samples from the pig farms but they did not come until few days ago.

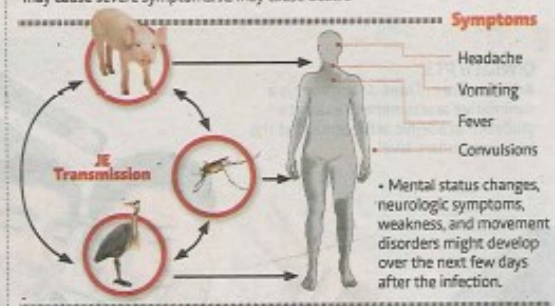
"The owners live next to these pig farms, so if there is a virus spreading, it would have affected us, too," he told the NST.

State Health Committee chairman Dr Afif Baharudin said the pigs would be culled if they were confirmed as carriers. "Fogging will be carried out in Kampung Selamat to ensure safety."

Japanese encephalitis (JE)

INFOGRAPHIC: NST

Japanese encephalitis (JE) is a disease spread through mosquito bites. Domestic pigs and wild birds (herons) are reservoirs of the virus. Transmission to humans may cause severe symptoms. JE may cause death.



Personal protection

- **Avoid outdoor activities** when mosquitos are active. The mosquitoes that carry Japanese Encephalitis usually bite at dawn and dusk.
- **Use an insect repellent** containing Picaridin on exposed skin (the most effective repellents contain 5-20 per cent di-ethly-N-toluamide (DEET)). However, avoid using it on babies and toddlers.
- **JE vaccine is recommended for travellers who plan to spend 1 month or more in endemic areas** during the JE virus transmission season.

Treatment

There is no specific treatment for Japanese Encephalitis infection, but hospitalisation for supportive care and close observation is generally required.

Past cases

Year	1974	1988	1992	2002	2014
Death / Cases	10	9	9	1	4

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A man walks by the Dengue Awareness Campaign board at Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah, Klang. — Picture by Ahmad Zamzahuri

Multi-ministry task force to battle dengue

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PETALING JAYA — A call for cooperation between different ministries to combat the continuous and alarming rise in dengue cases through a task force is timely as the epidemic can no longer be left to one ministry to handle.

The task force, announced yesterday by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, consists of the Health Ministry, Works Ministry and Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Government Ministry.

It will be chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and will look into curbing the rise of dengue cases and to implement immediate preventive measures.

Works Minister Datuk Fadillah Yusof said though his ministry conducted joint inspections with other agencies at construction sites to curb dengue, the concerted effort between ministries would be more effective.

"We have not been called for a meeting on the special task force yet, but with the coordination between these ministries, we would be able to discuss and streamline how to deal with the outbreak," he said.

Fadillah said his ministry started working hand-in-hand with the Health Ministry, Immigration Department, Public Works Department and police in inspecting construction areas.

"We initiated inspections to ensure construction sites were safe and clear of breeding grounds for *Aedes* mosquitoes," he said.

"We also ensure contractors and workers cooperate in this."

He agreed ministries should not deal with the worrying rise in dengue cases on their own but cooperate for a more effective strategy.

Comments were not immediately available from the Health Ministry and the Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Government Ministry.

As at June 28, there have been 44,518 reported cases of dengue nationwide.

The epidemic has claimed 85 lives within the past six months.

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Residents and farmers feel safe despite JE case

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BUTTERWORTH — Kampung Selamat in Seberang Perai Utara is a sleepy hollow dotted by village houses with little development.

It has been an area where pig farmers earned a living for more than 50 years and had their pigs culled as a precautionary measure when the Nipah virus hit in the late 1990s.

The village is also near where the latest Japanese encephalitis (JE) victim, Muhammad Ammar Muqrish Zulkiffli, lives. His school, SK Kampung Selamat, is about 3km from the pig farms.

Apart from the pig farms, there are oil palm plantations in the vicinity besides a Pusat Serenti drug rehabilitation centre and fire station — both built about a decade ago — and the closest shopping centre is some distance away in Seberang Jaya.

The residents of Kampung Selamat and those in the pig farming business, when met yesterday, were not worried when news of the latest JE infection surfaced.

Pig farmer Ng Teng Kiang, 60, said he and his family, including his four children and four grandchildren, were not worried about being infected.

Ng, who took over the family business when he was 16, said his family members and four employees were healthy.

"We feel safe. There is nothing to fear. Life goes on as usual for us," he said.

Ng rears more than 2,000 pigs.

Loh Eng Jin, 45, said she had been living in the village for the last 30 years and had not come across any JE case.

Rosidah Md Isa, 59, who has been living in the village since birth, said she had also not heard of any JE case in the village.

"However, I got scared when I saw the news on television last night that there was a JE case from our kampung," she said.

"But I don't think it is from this area or there would be more of us falling sick. So far, this is the only case."

Mohd Saad Ahmad, 50, who lives in nearby Kampung Pokok Jambu with his wife and three teenage children, said they felt safe.

"I think the authorities should determine where the boy contracted the disease instead of instilling fear among the villagers," he said.

More than 20 officers from the state Veterinary Services Department collected blood samples from pig farms within a 3km radius of Kampung Selamat.

The blood samples will be sent to the department's laboratory in Bukit Tengah and the Veterinary Research Institute in Ipoh for analysis. The results are expected to be known by Friday.

Blood samples were also taken from nearby residents and the 715 pupils of SK Kampung Selamat. All tested negative for JE.

A state Education Department spokesman said the school was not ordered closed as no further suspected cases were reported.

State Health Department director Datuk Dr Lailanor Ibrahim also said in a statement that no new cases of JE had been reported.

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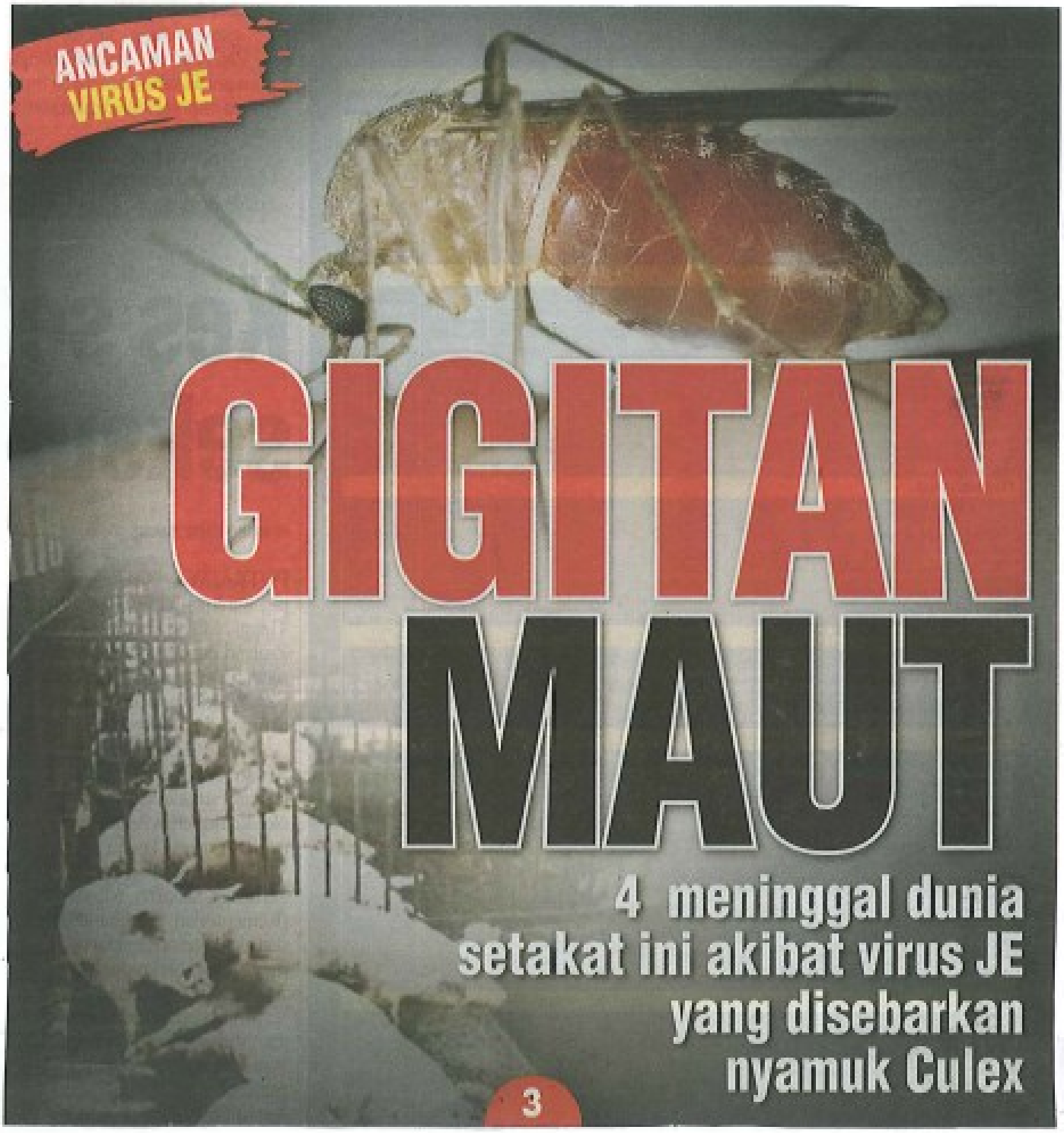

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Tiada jangkitan baharu

TASEK GELUGOR - Tiada kes baharu virus Ensefalitis Jepun (JE) dikesan di Kampung Selamat di sini selepas seorang kanak-kanak lelaki di kampung berkenaan disyaki dijangkiti virus itu, kata Pengarah Kesihatan Pulau Pinang Datuk Dr Lailanor Ibrahim.

Sehubungan itu beliau meminta orang ramai agar tidak bimbang dan Jabatan Kesihatan negeri telah menjalankan aktiviti kawalan serta pencegahan di kawasan itu.

"Jabatan Kesihatan negeri dan Jabatan Veterinar bekerjasama rapat untuk memantau dan melakukan usaha pencegahan di kawasan terlibat antaranya memberikan pendidikan kesihatan kepada penduduk dan pengesanan kes aktif secara berterusan.

"Orang ramai juga perlu mengambil langkah berjaga-jaga dan jika ada simptom demam, sakit kepala, loya dan muntah berlanjutan, saya menyarankan agar segera mendapatkan rawatan di klinik atau hospital berdekatan," katanya.

Kelmarin, media melaporkan seorang murid Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Selamat di sini koma disyaki dijangkiti virus JE dan kini dirawat di sebuah hospital swasta di Bayan Baru dekat sini.

Dr Nabilah mengambil sampel darah khinzir di ladang ternakan khinzir di Kampung Selamat untuk pemeriksaan.

Dr Lailanor berkata pihaknya belum mendapat laporan penuh berhubung keadaan pesakit itu.

"Hari ini pegawai saya akan mendapatkan laporan lengkap perubatan pesakit itu daripada hospital swasta berkenaan dan jawatankuasa khas yang ditubuhkan akan bermesyuarat bagi membolehkan keputusan mengenainya dibuat," katanya.

Beliau berkata pihaknya juga bersedia menerima murid tahun enam itu untuk dirawat di hospital kerajaan jika anggota keluarganya mahu memindahkan pesakit berkenaan.

Sementara itu Pegawai Veterinar Jabatan Veterinar Pulau Pinang Dr Nabilah Abdul Talib berkata pasukan veterinar yang dibantu Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai (MPSP) mengambil sampel darah daripada populasi babi di sekitar Kampung Selamat.

Beliau berkata pihaknya telah mengambil sampel darah babi daripada 20 ladang babi di kawasan berkenaan bagi menjalankan ujian sama ada ia positif atau negatif JE.

"Sampel darah itu kami ambil dari ladang, satu kilometer radius dari sekolah itu bagi mengetahui lebih jelas sekiranya terdapat jangkitan JE.

"Keputusan sama ada positif atau sebaliknya akan diketahui Jumaat ini," katanya.

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Empat kematian, 16 jangkitan virus

KUALA LUMPUR - Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr S Subramaniam berkata, sebanyak 16 kes jangkitan virus Ensefalitis Jepun (JE) dengan empat kematian dilaporkan sehingga semalam.

Beliau berkata, kes kematian itu melibatkan dua mangsa di Sabah dan masing-masing seorang di Kelantan dan Selangor.

"Mangsa terbaru disyaki dijangkiti virus JE ialah seorang murid berusia 12 tahun di Pulau Pinang pada Jumaat lalu," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata, siasatan mendapati mangsa itu terdedah kepada gigitan nyamuk pembawa virus JE semasa menyertai aktiviti perkhemahan di kawasan sekolah, berhampiran dengan ladang khinzir, pada 24 hingga 26 April lalu.

Beliau berkata, Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Pulau Pinang dan Kedah telah menjalankan siasatan kes dan melakukan aktiviti kawalan di sekolah kanak-kanak itu di Seberang Perai Utara, dan kediamannya di Padang Serai, Kedah.

Antaranya adalah mengesan penduduk dan pelajar jika mempunyai simptom JE, melaksanakan semburan kabus, menghapuskan tempat pembiakan nyamuk dan menjalankan aktiviti pendidikan kesihatan terhadap penduduk di sekitar kediaman, termasuk pelajar di sekolah berkenaan.

Dr Subramaniam berkata, tiada penduduk atau pelajar yang mengalami tanda-tanda JE tetapi pemantauan ini tetap akan dilakukan sehingga tiada transmisi jangkitan berlaku.

Justeru, pihak sekolah diminta mendapatkan khidmat nasihat daripada Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah terdekat sebelum mengadakan aktiviti perkhemahan atau aktiviti malam di kawasan sekolah yang terletak dalam lingkungan dua kilometer radius daripada ladang khinzir.

"Pekerja ladang ternakan khinzir dan penduduk tinggal berhampiran juga perlu mengambil langkah perlindungan diri dengan mengurangkan aktiviti luar di waktu senja hingga awal pagi, memakai pakaian lengan panjang dan seluar panjang ketika di luar rumah atau semasa bekerja, guna aerosol bunuh nyamuk dewasa terutama pada malam hingga awal pagi," katanya.-Bernama

bu mangsa, Hasniza Ayob memberi kata-kata semangat kepada Ammar Muqrish Zulkifli, 12, yang dipercayai dijangkiti JE dan kini dirawat di Hospital Pantai Bayan Baru.

INFO

Apa itu JE?
JE atau Japanese Encephalitis adalah sejenis penyakit disebabkan virus yang disebarkan melalui gigitan nyamuk Culex.

Tanda-tanda penyakit JE
- Demam
- Sakit kepala
- Lemah anggota badan
- Resah meracau
- Mengantuk
- Sawan
- Lumpuh
- Tidak sedarkan diri/koma.

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Bagaimanakah JE merebak?

VIRUS JE membiak di dalam tubuh khinzir (perumah pengganda). Apabila nyamuk betina Culex menghisap darah khinzir, ia membawa bersama virus JE.

Selepas 14 hari, nyamuk ini berupaya untuk menyebarkan virus JE kepada perumah baru itu khinzir.

Manusia boleh mendapat jangkitan JE jika digigit oleh nyamuk Culex yang membawa virus, namun manusia adalah perumah terakhir.

Jangka masa seseorang itu mulai dijangkiti mengambil masa di antara empat hingga 16 hari.

Nyamuk Culex membiak di tempat takungan air semula jadi yang kotor seperti kolam, lopak air, parit dan sawah padi.

Nyamuk Culex biasanya menggigit pada waktu senja hingga subuh.

Nyamuk Culex

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 8
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Pasukan khas atasi denggi

» Bendung peningkatan kes denggi seluruh negara

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Putrajaya

Kerajaan menubuhkan Pasukan Petugas Khas untuk menangani kebimbangan umum mengenai peningkatan kes demam denggi di seluruh negara, kata Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Perdana Menteri, dalam satu kenyataan semalam, berkata pasukan itu akan diketuai timbalannya, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Tambah beliau, Pasukan Petugas Khas itu akan turut disertai menteri dari Kementerian Kesihatan, Kementerian Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan, Kementerian Kerjaraya, selain kerajaan negeri, pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) serta agensi berkaitan.

"Kerajaan berharap dengan penubuhan Pasukan Petugas Khas ini akan dapat membendung peningkatan kes denggi dengan kadar segera, selain melaksanakan langkah pencegahan dengan lebih berkesan di seluruh negara," katanya.

Mengikut perangkaan mingguan Kementerian Kesihatan, kes denggi mencatatkan peningkatan sebanyak 246 peratus atau 12,858 kepada 44,518 kes dari Januari sehingga 28 Jun lalu, berbanding 31,660 bagi tempoh yang sama tahun lalu.

Kes kematian meningkat

Jumlah kes kematian turut mencatatkan peningkatan daripada 27 kes kepada 85 bagi tempoh sama.

Bagi minggu ke-25 tahun ini, Selangor mencatatkan kes tertinggi dengan 24,197 penghidap, termasuk 32 kematian.

Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya pula merekodkan 3,628 kes dengan tujuh kematian, manakala Perak merekodkan 2,666 kes dengan tujuh kematian.

Sejumlah 453 lokaliti wabak dilaporkan di seluruh negara membabitkan 14 negeri.

INFO

Maklumat denggi harian -1 Julai 2014

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MELAKA	4	17
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PAHANG	4	3
PERAK	20	17
PERLIS	0	1
PULAU PINANG	4	14
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SELANGOR	174	355
TERENGGANU	2	0
KUALA LUMPUR	15	134
LABUAN	0	0
PUTRAJAYA	3	0

> *"Pasukan Petugas Khas ini akan melaksanakan langkah pencegahan dengan **lebih berkesan** di seluruh negara"*
>
> ***Najib Razak,***
> *Perdana Menteri*

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA
MUKA SURAT : 1
RUANGAN : DALAM NEGARA

Pasukan petugas khas tangani denggi

● Kerajaan menubuhkan sebuah pasukan petugas khas yang diketuai Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin untuk menangani kebimbangan umum tentang peningkatan kes demam denggi sejak akhir-akhir ini.

BERITA DI MUKA 3

Kerajaan berharap penubuhan pasukan petugas khas ini akan dapat membendung peningkatan kes demam denggi dengan kadar segera, di samping melaksanakan langkah-langkah pencegahan dengan lebih berkesan di seluruh negara

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Perdana Menteri

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA
MUKA SURAT : 3
RUANGAN : DALAM NEGARA

Bagi menangani peningkatan kes demam penyakit berkenaan di seluruh negara

Pasukan petugas khas denggi

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PUTRAJAYA 1 Julai - Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak berkata, kerajaan memutuskan menubuhkan sebuah Pasukan Petugas Khas untuk menangani peningkatan kes demam denggi di seluruh negara sejak akhir-akhir ini.

Menurut Perdana Menteri, pasukan tersebut akan diketuai Timbalan beliau, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Najib memberitahu, Pasukan Petugas Khas itu akan turut disertai Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam; Menteri Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan, Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan dan Menteri Kerja Raya, Datuk Fadillah Yusof.

Beliau memberitahu, pasukan tersebut turut melibatkan kerjasama kerajaan-kerajaan negeri, pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) serta agensi-agensi berkaitan.

"Kerajaan berharap dengan penubuhan Pasukan Petugas Khas ini akan dapat membendung peningkatan kes-kes demam denggi dengan kadar segera di samping melaksanakan langkah-langkah pencegahan dengan lebih berkesan di seluruh negara," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Kes kematian akibat demam denggi di seluruh negara meningkat 228 peratus apabila sebanyak 82 kes dicatatkan berbanding 25 kes sejak Januari sehingga 21 Jun lalu.

Jumlah tersebut melibatkan 42,229 kes dilaporkan yang mana menyaksikan peningkatan 248 peratus berbanding 12,143 kes bagi tempoh yang sama.

Sepanjang minggu ke-25 iaitu bermula 15 hingga 21 Jun lalu, sebanyak 2,021 kes dicatatkan berbanding 1,797 kes pada minggu sebelumnya yang mana menunjukkan peningkatan 224 kes (12.5 peratus) dengan melibatkan empat kematian.

Selangor merupakan antara negeri paling banyak dilaporkan demam denggi apabila mencatatkan 24,197 kes dengan 32 kematian berbanding 5,292 kes dengan enam kematian bagi tempoh yang sama tahun sebelumnya.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah pernah mengakui tahap kesedaran yang lemah dalam kalangan masyarakat bandar menyebabkan aktiviti gotong-royong membersihkan kawasan perumahan daripada penempatan nyamuk aedes tidak mendapat sambutan.

Menurut beliau, kegagalan tersebut turut dipengaruhi oleh faktor kesedaran orang ramai mengenai wabak denggi yang masih rendah menyebabkan tiada kesungguhan untuk mereka bersama-sama membersihkan rumah, kawasan persekitaran dan kejiranan.

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA
MUKA SURAT : 3
RUANGAN : DALAM NEGARA

HTAR sesak dipenuhi pesakit denggi

KLANG 1 Julai - Kes demam denggi yang terus mengalami peningkatan membimbangkan di Selangor turut menyebabkan berlakunya kesesakan di wad-wad hospital kerajaan.

Tinjauan *Utusan Malaysia* di Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah (HTAR) Klang mendapati kesemua katil di wad-wad yang dikhaskan untuk pesakit denggi sentiasa penuh.

Difahamkan, HTAR menerima beratus-ratus pesakit denggi setiap hari sejak akhir-akhir ini sehingga menyebabkan mereka terpaksa membuat pengasingan ke atas para pesakit denggi.

Pesakit denggi di HTAR akan diasingkan mengikut kategori kecemasan, kritikal, separa kritikal dan stabil untuk memudahkan pemantauan.

Pihak hospital juga difahamkan terpaksa menambah bilangan wad yang dikhususkan untuk pesakit denggi sahaja bagi menampung kadar kemasukan pesakit yang tinggi.

Seorang pesakit yang ditemui, **Abdul Razak Ahmad**, 47, berkata, ketika dimasukkan ke wad pada Jumaat lalu, dia terpaksa menunggu selama lebih dua jam di bilik kecemasan sebelum dimasukkan ke wad.

Katanya, setiap hari, HTAR menerima banyak pesakit denggi dan katil di wad denggi di tempat dia dirawat tidak pernah ada yang kosong.

"Setiap hari ada sahaja pesakit yang masuk. Sepanjang saya di tempatkan di wad ini juga, tidak ada katil yang pernah kosong.

"Jika ada pesakit yang keluar, dengan segera ia akan diisi oleh pesakit baharu," kata seorang pengawal keselamatan itu yang ditemui di HTAR di sini, semalam.

Seorang lagi pesakit, **Norzana Rosman**, 31, berkata, akibat pesakit yang ramai, dia terpaksa dipindahkan dari satu wad ke wad lain mengikut tahap denggi yang dialaminya.

Menurut kakitangan kerajaan yang telah ditahan selama empat hari di HTAR itu, hari ini dia juga dijangka dipindahkan untuk kali yang ketiga ke wad lain iaitu ke bahagian stabil.

"Pihak hospital terpaksa membahagi-bahagikan pesakit denggi mengikut tahap kesihatan mereka bagi memudahkan pemantauan.

"Bagi pesakit yang kritikal, mereka akan ditempatkan di bahagian hadapan untuk memudahkan pasukan perubatan sentiasa memantau keadaannya," ujarnya.

Suriya Mohd Hasan, 36, yang merupakan suri rumah dan baru dimasukkan ke wad hari ini pula berkata, meskipun HTAR menerima pesakit denggi yang ramai, pihak hospital dilihat masih mampu mengendalikannya.

KEADAAN dalam wad yang menempatkan pesakit demam denggi di Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah, Klang, Selangor, semalam.

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Jumlah Kes : **319** Jumlah Lokaliti Wabak : **652**

Sumber: http://dengue.kesihatan.gov.my/dengue/index.php

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 8
RUANGAN : SETEMPAT

Pasukan khas pantau denggi

Putrajaya: Pasukan Petugas Khas diwujudkan kerajaan bagi menangani kebimbangan umum mengenai peningkatan kes demam denggi di seluruh negara sejak kebelakangan ini.

Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Najib Razak berkata, pasukan berkenaan akan diketuai Timbalan Perdana Menteri Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin dan akan disertai beberapa menteri di kementerian berkaitan.

Menurutnya, Pasukan Petugas Khas itu membabitkan Menteri di Kementerian Kesihatan; Kementerian Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan serta Kementerian Kerja Raya, selain kerajaan negeri; pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) dan agensi berkaitan.

"Kerajaan berharap penubuhan Pasukan Petugas Khas ini dapat membendung peningkatan kes demam denggi dengan kadar segera, di samping melaksanakan langkah pencegahan dengan lebih berkesan di seluruh negara," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Kementerian Kesihatan sebelum ini melaporkan, sebanyak 82 kematian direkodkan akibat demam denggi yang dilaporkan di seluruh negara sejak 1 Januari hingga 21 Jun lalu iaitu peningkatan 23 kes bagi tempoh sama tahun lalu.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 16
RUANGAN : SETEMPAT

KEADAAN Muhammad Ammar Muqrish Zulkifli yang disyaki dijangkiti JE kini dirawat di sebuah hospital di Bayan Baru, Pulau Pinang.

DR Nabilah menunjukkan sampel darah khinzir yang diambil

Penduduk tak senang duduk

Penghuni Kampung Selamat risau kemungkinan penularan wabak JE

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Selepas menanggung arab lebih 10 tahun akibat terpaksa menghidu bau busuk datang dari ladang ternakan babi, penduduk Kampung Selamat di sini, kini dilanda kebimbangan kemungkinan penularan virus Japanese Encephalitis (JE) di kawasan itu.

Begitulah luahan beberapa Kampung Selamat, berhubung kejadian menimpa seorang murid tahun enam disyaki dijangkiti virus JE selepas lebih sebulan demam menyebabkan mangsa koma sehingga terpaksa dirawat di Unit Penjagaan Kawasan (UCU) di sebuah hospital swasta di Georgetown.

Walaupun pihak berkuasa belum mengesahkan kanak-kanak terbabit dihinggap virus JE atau sebaliknya, penduduk di kawasan itu kini mula tidak senang duduk dan berharap pemantauan serius perlu dilaksanakan segera.

Peniaga, Hasnah Harun, 54, berkata, kampung berkenaan sudah lama berkenal dengan pencemaran datang dari ladang ternakan babi berkenaan hingga terpaksa menghidu bau busuk hampir setiap hari.

Bagaimanapun, penduduk tidak dapat berbuat apa-apa dan menyerahkan segalanya kepada pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) untuk menyelenggara dan memastikan kebersihan kawasan berkenaan terpelihara.

"Boleh dikatakan setiap hari penduduk terpaksa hidu bau busuk datang dari kandang ternakan babi berkenaan. Bauanya itu membuatkan penduduk sentiasa berasa loya maha tersiksa.

"Namun, belum lagi jumpa penyelesaian akibat bau busuk kini timbul pula masalah penyakit yang memerlukan penduduk sentiasa berjaga-jaga supaya tidak berlaku kejadian tidak dingini," katanya ketika dikesan di Pusat Produk Asas Tani, semalam.

Hasnah berkata, bau busuk dipercayai datang dari ladang ternakan babi ini turut menyebabkan kawasan berkenaan dipenuhi lalat dan nyamuk menyebabkan dia merasa amat kurang selesa dengan keadaan itu.

"Saya bersiaga kalau-kalau sejuk beku dan apabila ada lalat sudah pasti saya berasa khuatir dengan tahap kebersihan makanan sudah siap dipasang mungkin tercemar sekali gus mendedahkan pelanggan kepada risiko penyakit," katanya.

Manakala bagi Musyirah Mustafa, 32, berkata, penduduk terpaksa mengambil langkah berjaga-jaga dengan memasang alat nyamuk dan membersihkan lengkung bagi mengelak nyamuk dan lalat berkumpul di kawasan kediaman mereka.

"Kedua-dua jenis serangga ini suka berada di persekitaran kotor. Bila lalat atau nyamuk hinggap pada ternakan babi seri najisnya kami khuatir ini boleh menyebabkan berlakunya penularan virus penyakit.

"Penduduk ama berharap pihak berkuasa bertindak dengan segera kerana kesan akan lebih berbahaya sekiranya penyakit menyerang murid tahun enam baru-baru ini adalah disebabkan virus JE," katanya.

FAKTA
Veterinar negeri ambil 200 sampel darah daripada 20 ladang ternakan babi untuk diuji

Sementara itu, Pegawai Perubatan Veterinar negeri Dr Nabilah Abdul Talib berkata, pihaknya sudah mengambil 200 sampel darah daripada 20 ladang ternakan babi di sini, untuk diuji di makmal di Bukit Tengah dan Ipoh, Perak.

"Sampel itu diambil berkenaan diambil bagi tujuan melakukan ujian sama ada terdapatnya penularan virus JE membabitkan haiwan ternakan sebabit atau sebaliknya.

"Ujian sampel berkenaan turut membabitkan kerjasama Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Prai (MPSP) dan keputusannya dijangka diketahui Jumaat ini," katanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 39
RUANGAN : SETEMPAT

Jemaah haji tidak perlu bimbang jangkitan MERS-Cov

Makkah: Jemaah haji tidak perlu bimbang terhadap jangkitan Sindrom Pernafasan Timur Tengah (MERS-Cov) kerana jangkitan itu dilaporkan tidak berlaku di kedua-dua kota suci Makkah dan Madinah, yang menjadi pusat tumpuan ibadah musim haji nanti.

Pengerusi Muassasah Asia Tenggara Tan Sri Sheikh Zuhair A. Hamed Sadayu berkata kerajaan Arab Saudi juga telah mengambil pelbagai langkah bagi menangani MERS-Cov.

Beliau berkata kes terbaru berkaitan MERS-Cov hanya dilaporkan berlaku pada Mei lepas di luar kawasan kedua-dua kota suci itu.

Bagaimanapun, Zuhair menasihati jemaah haji tidak melakukan aktiviti luar seperti melawat ladang unta atau kebun kurma

"Jemaah haji tidak digalakkan melawat ladang ternakan haiwan, kebun kurma dan tempat penyembelihan ketika membayar Dam," katanya kepada pemberita menerusi penterjemah di sini, hari ini.

FAKTA
Jemaah haji tidak digalakkan melawat ladang ternakan haiwan, kebun kurma

Beliau sebelum itu mengadakan pertemuan dengan pimpinan Lembaga Tabung Haji (TH) bagi membincangkan persiapan akhir musim haji tahun ini. Turut hadir Pengerusi TH Datuk Seri Abdul Azeez Rahim dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif TH Tan Sri Ismee Ismail.

Sementara itu Abdul Azeez berkata TH juga telah mengambil langkah-langkah tertentu seperti menggalakkan jemaah haji memakai topeng muka, selain memberikan suntikan tertentu untuk jemaah haji sebelum berlepas ke Tanah Suci.

Abdul Azeez berkata, mereka yang mengalami asma yang teruk sebelum berlepas ke Tanah Suci juga akan diberikan rawatan sewajarnya bagi memastikan ia tidak menjangkiti jemaah lain.

"Virus Mers-CoV didapati mudah berjangkit kepada mereka yang menghidap asma, berikutan cuaca agak panas pada musim haji yang dijangka melebihi 45 darjah celsius. Jemaah haji dinasihatkan membawa ubat-ubatan bagi mengelakkan mereka mengalami asma," katanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 39
RUANGAN : SETEMPAT

Kulit arwah macam dicakar

Isteri syak suami dapat denggi selepas bersih kawasan rumah

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"Segalanya terlalu cepat berlaku, tetapi saya reda kerana pemergiannya sudah ketentuan Allah," kata Rusyana Md Salleh, 49, isteri kepada ahli perniagaan, Abd Malik Latif, 51, yang meninggal dunia akibat demam denggi berdarah, Sabtu lalu.

Menurutnya, suaminya yang mempunyai sebuah syarikat pembinaan mengalami demam panas dan muntah teruk pada 19 Jun lalu menyebabkannya dikejarkan ke Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar (HTJ), Seremban pada hari yang sama.

Katanya, sebelum kejadian, arwah suaminya melakukan pembersihan di kawasan rumah mereka di Taman Datuk Abdul Samad, di sini dan dipercayai digigit nyamuk aedes.

"Arwah seorang suami dan bapa yang baik kepada anak-anak"
Rusyana

"Saya segera membawa arwah ke HTJ untuk pemeriksaan sebelum doktor mengesahkan dia tidak mengalami demam denggi yang serius.

ABD Malik

"Selepas rawatan, keadaannya semakin pulih, namun dua hari kemudian, arwah kembali diserang sakit kepala yang teruk dan lemah badan.

"Dia kemudian dirawat di unit rawatan rapi sebuah hospital swasta di Senawang sebelum dirujuk ke Hospital Tuanku Ampuan Najihah (HTAN), Kuala Pilah pada 27 Jun lalu untuk rawatan dialisis darah kerana buah pinggang dan hatinya rosak," katanya ketika ditemui di rumahnya, di sini, semalam.

Rusyana yang juga pegawai bank berkata, serangan virus denggi menyebabkan keadaan suaminya ketika itu sangat menyedihkan kerana permukaan kulit tubuhnya kelihatan seperti terdapat kesan cakaran.

"Keadaannya semakin kritikal apabila saraf darah mula pecah dan tubuh arwah tidak mampu menggantikan darah baru.

"Doktor menyarankan supaya arwah dipindahkan ke HTJ untuk rawatan kerana bimbang berlaku komplikasi otak berikutan tiada tindak balas daripadanya.

"Tubuh suami tidak mampu mengeluarkan protein lagi dan bebola matanya menjadi besar akibat organ hati yang tidak mampu berfungsi selain mengalami kebengkakan otak," katanya.

Menurutnya, dia sedih kerana tidak sempat menyambut Ramadan bersama suami pada tahun ini.

"Arwah seorang suami dan bapa yang baik kepada anak-anak," katanya yang mempunyai empat anak.

Rusyana berkata, suaminya meninggal dunia di HTAN dan dikebumikan di Tanah Perkuburan Kariah Bagan Pinang, Taman PD Utama, Port Dickson, Sabtu lalu.

"Sebelum pemergiannya, arwah turut berjanji untuk meraikan hari jadinya bersama hari jadi anak ketiga kami, Ahmad Muzammel, 11, pada 10 Julai ini, namun hasratnya tidak kesampaian," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pengarah Jabatan Kesihatan negeri Datuk Dr Zailan Adnan berkata, pihaknya tidak menafikan kematian mangsa ada kemungkinan berpunca daripada demam berkenaan.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, pihaknya belum memutuskan status kematian mangsa sama ada disebabkan demam denggi kerana ia akan bergantung kepada ujian darah dan klinikal selain perbincangan daripada pakar perubatan dan seterusnya keputusan yang dibuat oleh Jawatankuasa Kematian Denggi Negeri Sembilan.

"Keputusan itu akan dibuat oleh Jawatankuasa Kematian Denggi Negeri Sembilan selepas perbincangan pakar perubatan selain keputusan ujian darah dan klinikal.

"Setakat ini, boleh kita katakan ada kemungkinan ia disebabkan demam denggi, tetapi tidak dapat disahkan lagi," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO !
MUKA SURAT : 2
RUANGAN : NEGARA

Jawatankuasa lawan denggi ditubuh

KUALA LUMPUR – Kerajaan menubuhkan sebuah pasukan petugas khas untuk menangani kebimbangan umum tentang peningkatan kes demam denggi sejak akhir-akhir ini di seluruh negara, umum Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak (**gambar**).

Perdana Menteri berkata, pasukan yang diketuai oleh Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin itu akan disertai oleh menteri-menteri dari Kementerian Kesihatan, Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan dan Kementerian Kerja Raya.

Pasukan itu juga akan turut melibatkan kerjasama kerajaan-kerajaan negeri, pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) serta agensi-agensi berkaitan, katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

"Kerajaan berharap dengan penubuhan pasukan petugas khas ini akan dapat membendung peningkatan kes-kes demam denggi dengan kadar segera, di samping melaksanakan langkah-langkah pencegahan dengan lebih berkesan di seluruh negara," katanya.

Lembah Klang menunjukkan kawasan yang paling serius dilanda wabak tersebut apabila sebanyak 27,825 kes dilaporkan berlaku iaitu Selangor (24,197), Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya (3,628).

AKHBAR : KOSMO !
MUKA SURAT : 2
RUANGAN : NEGARA

Wabak demam denggi semakin membimbangkan

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KUALA LUMPUR – Kes demam denggi yang berlaku di negara menunjukkan peningkatan ketara apabila sebanyak 42,229 kes dilaporkan sehingga 21 Jun tahun ini berbanding hanya 12,143 kes bagi tempoh yang sama tahun lalu.

Lembah Klang menunjukkan kawasan yang paling serius dilanda wabak tersebut apabila sebanyak 27,825 kes dilaporkan berlaku di Selangor (24,197), Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya (3,628).

Negeri-negeri lain yang turut mencatatkan kes demam denggi paling ketara adalah Johor iaitu 2,390 kes, Kelantan (2,381), Perak (2,666) dan Negeri Sembilan (2,134).

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam berkata, dalam tempoh yang sama, sebanyak 82 kematian telah dilaporkan di seluruh negara berbanding hanya 25 kematian pada tahun sebelumnya, peningkatan sebanyak 228 peratus.

Orang ramai perlu menjaga kebersihan di kawasan masing-masing untuk mencegah wabak denggi. – Gambar hiasan

"Sejumlah 453 lokasi wabak denggi dilaporkan di seluruh negara dengan 75 daripadanya merupakan lokasi panas iaitu Selangor (64), Negeri Sembilan (7), Kelantan (3) dan Sarawak (1)," katanya dalam satu kenyataan baru-baru ini.

Menurut Subramaniam, sepanjang Ramadan kali ini, kementerian menasihatkan supaya masyarakat setempat serta agensi kerajaan dan swasta terlibat bersama melaksanakan aktiviti pencegahan denggi.

Beliau berkata, beberapa perkara yang perlu diberi perhatian adalah memastikan kawasan persekitaran masjid atau surau untuk solat terawih bebas dari tempat pembiakan nyamuk aedes.

"Selain itu, pengusaha dan pengunjung bazar Ramadan perlu memastikan tapak bazar tersebut bebas dari tempat pembiakan aedes dengan tidak membuang sampah merata-rata yang boleh menakung air.

"Orang ramai juga dinasihatkan menggunakan repelan atau pakaian yang menutup anggota badan ketika berada di kawasan terbuka bagi mengelak dari gigitan nyamuk terutama pada waktu pagi dan petang," ujarnya.

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KAKITANGAN JPV sedang mengambil sampel bagi di salah sebuah kandang ternakan haiwan itu di Kampung Selamat, Tasek Gelugor, Pulau Pinang semalam.

TASEK GELUGOR – Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar (JPV) Pulau Pinang telah mengambil 200 sampel darah daripada babi yang terdapat di 20 buah ladang ternakan haiwan itu di sekitar kawasan Kampung Selamat di sini.

Pegawai jabatan itu, Dr. Nabilah Abdul Talib berkata, langkah pengambilan sampel itu adalah bagi mengesan kemungkinan haiwan berkenaan telah dijangkiti virus Ensefalitis Jepun(JE).

Beliau berkata, sampel berkenaan diambil daripada babi yang diternak di ladang ternakan yang terletak sekitar radius satu kilometer dari Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Selamat di sini.

Sekolah itu merupakan tempat di mana seorang murid lelaki tahun enam kini dilaporkan koma dan sedang dirawat di sebuah hospital swasta di Bayan Baru dekat sini selepas dipercayai dijangkiti virus JE.

"Kita telah menghantar pegawai untuk mengambil sampel darah daripada haiwan tersebut yang diternak di 20 ladang ternakan yang terletak kira-kira satu kilometer dari Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Selamat.

"Sampel tersebut akan dihantar ke makmal veterinar di Bukit Tengah dekat sini dan di Ipoh, Perak untuk dianalisis bagi mengesan sama ada ia dijangkiti virus JE atau sebaliknya," katanya ketika ditemui di sini semalam.

Kelmarin, Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam berkata, sehingga kini sebanyak 16 kes jangkitan virus JE dengan empat kematian dilaporkan.

Beliau berkata, kes kematian itu melibatkan dua mangsa di Sabah dan masing-masing seorang di Kelantan dan Selangor.

Mangsa terbaharu disyaki dijangkiti virus JE ialah seorang murid lelaki tahun enam Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Selamat, Jumaat lepas.

Menurut Nabilah, keputusan ujian terhadap kesemua sampel darah itu dijangka dapat diketahui Jumaat ini.

Untuk rekod, terdapat kira-kira 100,000 ekor babi kini diternak di 82 ladang ternakan di sekitar Kampung Selamat.

Sementara itu, Pengarah Jabatan Kesihatan negeri, Datuk Dr. Lailanor Ibrahim memberitahu, sehingga kini pihaknya tidak mengesan sebarang kes baharu jangkitan virus JE di negeri itu terutama dari sekitar Kampung Selamat.

Justeru katanya, orang ramai terutamanya penduduk di sekitar kawasan itu diminta agar tidak panik dengan laporan seorang kanak-kanak dari kawasan itu dijangkiti virus berkenaan.

"Kita minta orang ramai agar mengambil langkah berjaga-jaga dan sekiranya terdapat simptom seperti demam, sakit kepala, loya dan muntah berlarutan, segeralah mendapatkan rawatan di klinik berhampiran," katanya.

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