

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 4

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40 penuntut selamat kembali ke tanah air

Kuala Lumpur: Kira-kira 40 pelajar yang rata-ratanya menuntut di Beijing sudah kembali ke Malaysia dalam tempoh seminggu berikutnya penularan kluster 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) di China.

Wisma Putra dalam satu kenyataan memaklumkan, semua pelajar telah menjalani ujian saringan kesihatan di lapanan terbang Malaysia dan diquarantin selama 14 hari di rumah masing-masing.

"Pihak Education Malaysia Beijing juga sudah berhubung dengan mereka untuk mendapatkan maklumat balas tahap kesihatan. Setakat ini, pelajar yang pulang berada dalam keadaan sihat dan baik," menurut kenyataan itu, semalam.

Wisma Putra juga memaklumkan semua pelajar terbabit turut diberikan garis panduan kesihatan yang dibekalkan oleh Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM).

Sehingga hari ini, Malaysia kekal mencatatkan lapan kes corona virus yang semuanya membabitkan warga China.

Kerajaan kini memberi keutamaan untuk membawa pulang 117 rakyat Malaysia di Wilayah Hubei berikutan penularan virus itu.

BERNAMA

Johor nafi Forest City dikuarantin

Johor Bahru: Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Johor menafikan laporan yang viral di media sosial bahawa Forest City di sini, dikuarantin dan ditutup selama dua minggu.

Jabatan itu dalam kenyataan semalam menyebut ia sudah membuat laporan polis berhubung penularan viral palsu itu.

Sehubungan itu, jabatan itu mengingatkan orang ramai supaya tidak menyebarkan viral yang tidak sahih kerana ia akan menggalakkan situasi panik dalam kalangan masyarakat.

Penyebaran berita palsu boleh didakwa di bawah Seksyen 233 Akta Komunikasi dan Multimedia (AKM) 1998 yang memperuntukkan denda RM50,000 atau penjara tidak lebih satu tahun atau kedua-dua dan juga denda selanjutnya RM1,000 bagi tiap hari kesalahan itu diteruskan selepas sabitan.

Jabatan Penerangan Johor memfokuskan kawasan tumpuan orang ramai dan pelancong di negeri ini bagi memberikan hebahan dan maklumat tepat berhubung coronavirus. BERNAMA

*Penularan coronavirus***China benar 120 rakyat Malaysia dibawa pulang**

Kedutaan hantar bantuan bersama bekalan makanan guna jalan darat ke Wuhan

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Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia menerima kebenaran daripada pihak berkuasa China untuk membawa pulang semua rakyat negara ini di Wuhan, Wilayah Hubei yang terkandas akibat penularan coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Duta Besar Malaysia ke China, Raja Datuk Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, berkata enam pegawai dari pejabat Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di China sudah dihantar ke Wuhan, pagi semalam.

"Kita sudah menghantar pasukan ke Wuhan jam 10.30 pagi tadi (semalam), melalui jalan darat yang mengambil masa kira-kira 13 jam perjalanan dan mereka dijangka tiba selewat-lewat tengah malam ini (semalam) sebelum membantu menyalas seramai 120 orang rakyat Malaysia yang berada di seluruh Wilayah Hubei.

"Langkah ini dibuat selepas kita menerima kebenaran China dan pihak berkuasa di Wuhan untuk memasuki kawasan berkenaan," katanya ketika dihubungi semalam.

Nushirwan berkata, pasukan peninjau enam orang itu termasuk pegawai kedutaan menggunakan enam kendaraan yang turut membawa bekalan makanan.

Beliau berkata, pasukan itu juga berusaha mengesan rakyat



Kumpulan pertama bantuan dari Malaysia sedia berlepas ke Wuhan selepas mendapat kebenaran China, semalam.

Malaysia yang lain, berkemungkinan tidak direkodkan oleh pihak kedua-dua.

"Setakat ini, kita tidak tahu sekiranya ada perkara di luar jangkaan yang mungkin berlaku ke atas rakyat Malaysia di Wuhan, sama ada mereka sakit atau sudah kembali ke tanah air."

"Namun pasukan peninjau kedutaan akan berusaha mendapatkan maklumat secara lebih terperinci," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pada masa ini jumlah 120 orang yang direkodkan membutkan 11 penuntut, pekerja profesional dan pelancong.

Ditanya kemungkinan ada lagi pelan evakuasi untuk rakyat Malaysia di Wuhan, Nushirwan berkata, setakat ini sejumlah 120



Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin

orang itu sahaja berada di bandar itu dan semuanya boleh dimuatkan dalam satu penerbangan.

Bagaimanapun beliau berkata, tarikh sebenar penerbangan untuk membawa balik kesemua rakyat Malaysia kembali ke tanah air hanya akan diumumkan

oleh Putrajaya.

Kelmarin, media melaporkan kerajaan memberi keutamaan membawa pulang 117 rakyat Malaysia dari Wuhan di Wilayah Hubei serta sekitarnya berikutnya Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO) mengisyaratkan penularan kluster 2019 coronavirus sebagai darurat kesihatan dunia.

Laporan dari Beijing menyebut jumlah kematian akibat coronavirus meningkat kepada 259 orang sehingga semalam, manakala bilangan kes yang sudah disahkan melonjak kepada hampir 12,000.

Semua kematian itu kecuali satu, berlaku di Wilayah Hubei yang paling teruk terjejas dan juga dikenal pasti pusat penyebaran wabak tersebut.

KL ketuai pusat kongsi maklumat serantau

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia mengetuai rangkaian Pusat Operasi Kecemasan (EOC) ASEAN dalam berkongsi maklumat dan perkembangan jangkitan novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) susulan pengisytiharan virus itu sebagai darurat kesihatan awam global oleh Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO).

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata selain perkongsian maklumat dalam kalangan negara ASEAN, pusat itu berfungsi mempromosikan maklumat balas

dan komunikasi pengesahan awal bagi membendung penularan virus terbatit.

"Findikan komuniti risiko kebangsaan terkini adalah menyebarkan langkah kawalan dan pencegahan, termasuk memerangi berita dan maklumat palsu yang tular di media sosial."

"Malaysia sendiri sudah menyediakan pelan tindak balas dalam membendung coronavirus sebelum beberapa kes awal diketahui di negara ini."

"Lebih penting, Malaysia sudah mengambil langkah awal se-

belum WHO mengisyaratkan virus ini sebagai darurat kesihatan awam global," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, antara langkah pengesahan dan pencegahan diambil, selain syor dikemukakan WHO adalah menjalankan ujian swab tekan terhadap individu yang berhubungan dengan kontak kes positif.

Katanya, ujian sampel itu dilakukan menerusi proses makmal dikenali sebagai pengesan kontak.

"Malaysia sentiasa berjaga-jaga

ga termasuk memperkasakan pemantauan di pintu masuk antarabangsa.

"Antaranya 54 mesin pengesahan haba ditempatkan di 35 pintu masuk negara ini. Sebanyak 25 lagi mesin akan ditambah dan ditempatkan di lokasi strategik."

"Biar pun banyak bandar di China ditutup dan pembatalan penerbangan dari Wuhan oleh AirAsia dan Malindo Air, setakat ini tiada keputusan dibuat kerajaan untuk menyekat semua penerbangan dari China ke Malaysia," katanya.

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN**MUKA SURAT : 5****RUANGAN : NASIONAL**

LTSAS, Pelabuhan Kuantan dikawal rapi

Kuantan: Dua pintu masuk di daerah ini iaitu Lapangan Terbang Sultan Ahmad Shah (LTSAS) dan Pelabuhan Kuantan, di sini dipantau rapi sebagai langkah mencegah jangkitan coronavirus baru (2019-nCoV).

Pegawai Pejabat Kesihatan Kuantan, Dr Fatimah A Majid berkata pihaknya menempatkan alat pengesan haba bagi menyaring individu yang mengalami simptom terutama demam.

Katanya, semua pelancong dari luar negara diwajibkan mengesahkan status kesihatan sama ada berkeadaan baik atau mengalami sakit.

"Setakai ini, tiada kes yang dikecualikan dijangkiti coronavirus di LTSAS dan Pelabuhan Kuantan kerana mereka (pelancong) memberikan kerjasama.

"Tapi sekiranya mempunyai simptom seperti demam, kita

akan membawa mereka ke Hospital Tengku Ampuan Afzan (HTAA), di sini untuk pemeriksaan lanjut," katanya di sini semalam.

Dr Fatimah berkata, pihaknya meminta semua lapisan masyarakat tidak menularkan sebarang berita tidak sah yang boleh menimbulkan panik dalam kalangan masyarakat.

Sehubungan itu, katanya, bagi mendapatkan pengesahan rasmi berhubung status terkini jangkitan coronavirus baru sebaik-baiknya merujuk di laman sesawang Kementerian Kesihatan.

"Bermula hari ini (semalam) Pejabat Kesihatan Kuantan akan mengadakan sesi penerangan khas berkaitan kes coronavirus di pusat beli-belah dan pasar raya, selain mengedarkan risalah kepada orang ramai," katanya.



Pelancong yang tiba di LTSAS dipantau bagi membendung penularan wabak coronavirus.

AKHBAR : NEW SUNDAY TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NATION

No decision to ban flights from China, says Health Ministry

KUALA LUMPUR: The Health Ministry yesterday reiterated that no decision has been made to ban all flights from China to Malaysia following the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak, which has claimed more than 250 lives.

Despite cities in China being locked down, with flights between Wuhan and local international airports temporarily suspended, any decision on the matter would require a policy that was well-informed, justified and based on available information.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said as the situation evolved, the strategic goals and measures to prevent and reduce the spread of the infection would be reviewed.

"For now, neither a travel ban nor restriction of flights from China is recommended by the World Health Organisation

(WHO)," he said yesterday.

"We will continue to monitor the situation in the country and region. However, if the situation compels us to do so, we will look into introducing additional measures."

WHO, on Thursday, declared the 2019-nCoV outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

WHO, when declaring the PHEIC, said there was "no reason" for any international travel or trade restrictions announced in recent days by several countries, such as flight suspensions, border closures and quarantine for apparently healthy travellers.

Countries had been advised to



Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

inform WHO about travel measures, as required by the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005). Countries were also cautioned against actions that promoted stigma or discrimination, in line with the principles of Article 3 of the IHR.

Dr Noor Hisham said Malaysia welcomed the declaration and had strengthened surveillance at international entry points even before the PHEIC was announced, including through the installation of thermal scanner machines, referrals from the Immigration Department and self-declaration procedures.

There are 54 thermal scanners placed at 35 international entry

points with high traveller load. Twenty-five more scanners were expected to arrive soon and would be located at high priority areas.

"We initiated our preparedness and response plans in containing the spread of 2019-nCoV even before the first few cases were detected in the country.

"More importantly, we have taken the necessary steps way before WHO declared the 2019-nCoV outbreak as a PHEIC.

"Among measures we have taken over and above the WHO recommendation is performing throat swabs to detect the virus on asymptomatic individuals who have had close contact with positive cases.

"This sampling is done through a process called 'contact tracing'. I would like to thank the hard-working healthcare staff, who have been tireless in seeking out 'close-contact' individuals."

He said Malaysia was leading the Asean Emergency Operations Centre network, engaging Asean member states on situation updates and data sharing, which aimed to promote detection response and communication.

He said the Asean Risk Assessment and Risk Communication Centre, hosted by Malaysia, was engaged to disseminate preventive and control measures, including combating false information on social media.

The Emergency Committee convened by the WHO director-general under the IHR regarding the outbreak, he added, believed that the virus could be contained.

"This is provided that countries put in place robust measures to detect disease early, isolate and treat cases, trace contacts and promote social distancing measures," he said.

AKHBAR : SUNDAY STAR

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NATION

Health Ministry: No new positive cases in Malaysia

PETALING JAVA: There are no additional cases of individuals testing positive for the novel coronavirus (2019-nCov), said the Health Ministry.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said as of yesterday noon, the total number of cases remain at eight, with three being patients under investigation (PUI) while five others were in the close contact category.

The cumulative PUI cases stood at 142 people. Six individuals are still waiting for laboratory results.

"Positive contact cases of close contacts remain at 32 people."

On Thursday, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the 2019-nCov outbreak a global emergency after it reached 18 countries.

On an incident involving a patient

who refused to be placed under monitoring and protection orders at a hospital in Selangor, he said the ministry had taken note of it.

"After a police report was made, the patient was successfully located and returned to the ward. Clinical samples taken on Jan 31 came back negative for the 2019-nCov."

The patient reportedly went home on Friday after waiting at the Sungai Buloh hospital for test results. He was admitted there after he fell ill following a trip to Wuhan, China.

In a separate statement, Dr Noor Hisham said that despite the absence of travel bans or restrictions of flights from China, the ministry will continue to monitor the situation closely.

He added that any decision to ban

flights from China must be made through a process that is well-informed, justified and based on every available information.

He said when WHO made the declaration, the body said there was "no reason" for any of the international travel or trade restrictions announced in recent days by several countries, such as flight suspensions, border closures, and quarantine for apparently healthy travellers.

"Countries must inform WHO about travel measures taken, as required by the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005). Countries are also cautioned against actions that promote stigma or discrimination, in line with the principles of Article 3 of the IHR."

Malaysia, he said, had strengthened surveillance at all entry points

before WHO's declaration.

"Among the encouraging measures we have taken over and above the WHO recommendation is to perform throat swabs on asymptomatic individuals who have had close contacts with positive cases."

According to him, there are currently 54 thermal scanners at 35 international entry points with high traveller loads, adding that 25 more scanners are expected to be added at high priority areas.

Dr Noor Hisham added that Malaysia is leading the Asean Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) network, actively engaging Asean member states on situation updates and data sharing to promote detection response and communication to prevent the spread of the virus.