

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 46

RUANGAN : DARI JOHOR

HSA anjur kempen derma darah

JOHOR BAHRU - Susulan kejadian kebakaran yang berlaku di Hospital Sultanah Aminah (HSA), di sini, pada 25 Oktober lepas, lokasi pusat pendermaan darah untuk orang awam telah dipindahkan ke lokasi sementara iaitu di Balai Pelawat Hospital Permai, di sini.

Timbalan Pengarah Hospital (Perubatan) HSA, Dr Khadijah Abu Bakar berkata, sehubungan dengan itu, orang ramai amat dialu-alukan memberikan sokongan untuk menderma darah bagi memastikan bekalan mencukupi di beberapa lokasi yang ditetapkan sepanjang Januari.

"Ini termasuklah di Aeon Permas Jaya berhadapan kedai BodyShop dan Maslee Taman Cendana yang masing-masing akan diadakan pada 7 Januari ini, The Store Pandan (8 Januari) serta Kipmart Masai pada 14 Januari depan.

"Selain itu, Best Mart Nusa Bestari yang mana berhadapan pentas akan diadakan pada 15 Januari diikuti Giant Plentong (22 Januari) serta Aeon Taman Universiti pada 29 Januari depan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan kepada *Sinar Harian*.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 24

RUANGAN : NATION

One-third decrease in dengue deaths

Situation is still unpredictable, says Health D-G

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PETALING JAYA: There was significant drop in the number of dengue fever cases in Malaysia with deaths down by almost one-third despite an increase in cases in neighbouring countries.

The total number of cases for last year was 101,357 compared with 120,836 for 2015, a reduction of 16.1% or 19,479 cases, way past the 5% annual reduction targeted while the number of deaths fell by a third.

While dengue fever took another six lives in the last week of last year, the total number of deaths for the year was 237 compared with 336 deaths in 2015, a 29.5% drop or 99 cases fewer, the National Crisis Preparedness Response Centre (CPRC) posted on Facebook

on Tuesday.

In fact, it managed to reduce dengue cases despite Singapore, Laos and Vietnam experiencing an increase, according to the Health Ministry.

The last time Malaysia experienced a drop was in 2011. In 2010, a total of 46,171 cases were recorded and in 2011, the numbers were down to 19,884.

However, it had been on an upward trend since then, until last year.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the ministry was pleased that it managed to control the dengue situation much better compared to previous years.

"But we certainly can do better and will work with all stakeholders to achieve better results this year and beyond," he said.

Based on the Strategic Planning for Dengue Prevention and Control for 2015 to 2020, the ministry's target is 5% dengue cases reduction annually.

Despite the reduction, Dr Noor Hisham warned that the dengue situation was unpredictable due to factors such as environmental cleanliness, climate change, community behaviour of littering, vector behaviour, virus and increased population mobility.

"Dengue cases are closely associated with environmental cleanliness and Aedes mosquito population," he said.

He said for this year, community participation in dengue prevention and control activities, especially in dengue hotspots areas through the Communication for Behavioural Impact (Combi) project needed to be increased and strengthened.



Health hazard: Cleanliness is of paramount importance in preventing dengue fever cases. Inadequate rubbish containers can result in rubbish spilling causing water to collect.