

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
 MUKA SURAT : 7
 RUANGAN : ISU

KEMATIAN ORANG ASLI KUALA KOH

Punca kematian disahkan bukan tibi, leptospirosis

● Kementerian Kesihatan masih tunggu keputusan ujian

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Kementerian Kesihatan masih menunggu keputusan ujian untuk mengetahui punca penyakit yang menyerang masyarakat Orang Asli suku Batek di Kampung Kuala Koh, Gua Musang yang setakat ini menyebabkan 14 kematian.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, berkata sejak ini kementerian mendapat penyakit yang dihadapi oleh mangsa bukannya berpunca daripada tuberculosis (tibi) dan leptospirosis.

Yakin dapat diselesaikan segera
 "Sehingga hari ini (semalam), punca jangkitan masih belum dapat dipastikan. Bagaimanapun, keputusan ujian tibi dan leptospirosis adalah negatif. Saya yakin jawapan kepada persoalan ini dapat diselesaikan segera," katanya dalam kenyataan, kelmarin.

Kelmarin, Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri, P Waytha Moorthy memaklumkan 14 kematian Orang Asli dilaporkan ketua masyarakat di situ bermula 2 Mei hingga 7 Jun.

Sehingga kini, masih terdapat

47 mangsa menerima rawatan, masing-masing 37 orang di Hospital Gua Musang, Hospital Kuala Krai (12), termasuk seorang kanak kanak berusia tiga tahun yang masih kritis dan menerima rawatan di Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab 2.

Dr Dzulkefly sebelum ini berkata, petugas kesihatan dari kementerian mula masuk ke perkampungan Orang Asli di Kuala Koh setiap minggu, sejak April

lalu, bagi merungkai polemik jangkitan penyakit yang didakwa menular di kawasan terabit.

Katanya, sepanjang mengendalikan pemeriksaan menyeluruh, petugas Kementerian Kesihatan berdepan kesulitan kerana cara hidup Orang Asli yang berpindah-pindah apabila wujud ahli keluarga mereka meninggal disebabkan pelbagai faktor:



Muka depan
 BH semalam.

4 Orang Asli dirawat di ICU stabil

Kuala Krai: Empat pesakit Orang Asli suku Batek ditempatkan di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) Hospital Kuala Krai sejak Ahad lalu akibat gangguan saluran pernafasan.

Pengarah Hospital Kuala Krai, Dr Mohd Salleh Mat Jusoh, berkata ia membabitkan dua pesakit wanita masing-masing berumur 12 dan 27 tahun yang ditempatkan di ICU, manakala dua bayi berusia 39 hari dan tiga bulan yang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi Neonatal (NICU).

"Keadaan empat pesakit ini dilaporkan stabil dan kami sentiasa memantau perkembangan kesihatan mereka dari semasa ke semasa," katanya di sini, semalam.

Mohd Salleh berkata, sehingga semalam, seramai 24 pesakit Orang Asli suku Batek sedang menerima rawatan sejak dimasukkan ke hospital itu beberapa hari lalu dan ditempatkan di wad kluster khas.

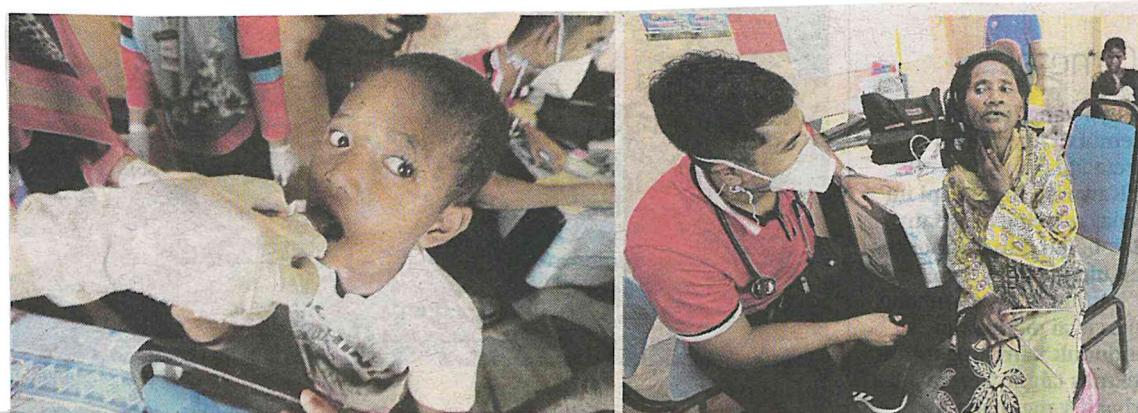
"Seramai 13 pesakit lelaki dan 11 pesakit wanita sedang menerima rawatan dengan pemantauan dilakukan 23 kakitangan hospital termasuk doktor pakar yang ditugaskan bagi memastikan keadaan semua pesakit berada dalam keadaan baik serta sihat," katanya.

BERNAMA

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 11

RUANGAN : SETEMPAT



Tiga lagi Orang Asli masuk ICU

Putrajaya: Tiga lagi individu Orang Asli dimasukkan ke Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) sejak semalam berhubung kes jangkitan pada saluran pernafasan di perkampungan masyarakat itu di Kuala Koh, Gua Musang.

Tiga individu terbabit kini dirawat di ICU Hospital Kuala Krai, meningkat berbanding hanya seorang menerima rawatan di ICU Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II (HRPZ II) di Kota Bharu.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, berkata secara keseluruhan 99 individu Orang Asli menerima rawatan berkaitan kes berkenaan sehingga jam 12 tengah hari semalam.

Katanya, seramai 40 orang menerima rawatan sebagai pesakit luar di Klinik Kesihatan Ciku dan Aring,

manakala 22 dirawat di wad biasa Hospital Gua Musang serta 18 di Hospital Kuala Krai.

“Empat yang dirawat di ICU ialah tiga di Hospital Kuala Krai dan seorang di HRPZ II

“Pada masa sama, 14 kes dicatatkan di Rumah Inap Kesihatan Orang Asli di perkampungan terbabit menjadikan keseluruhan 99 kes setakat hari ini,” katanya kepada media selepas Sesi Town Hall Menteri Kesihatan Bersama Pengamal Perubatan Swasta di sini, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Dr Dzulkefly berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan sedang menunggu hasil ujian untuk mengenal pasti jenis mikroorganisme yang menyebabkan kematian dua Orang Asli di Kuala Koh.



PETUGAS Klinik Kesihatan Aring memeriksa Orang Asli suku kaum Batek bagi memastikan tidak dijangkiti sebarang penyakit.

AKHBAR : KOSMO

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NEGARA

Lapan maut, kes demam denggi di Pulau Pinang meningkat

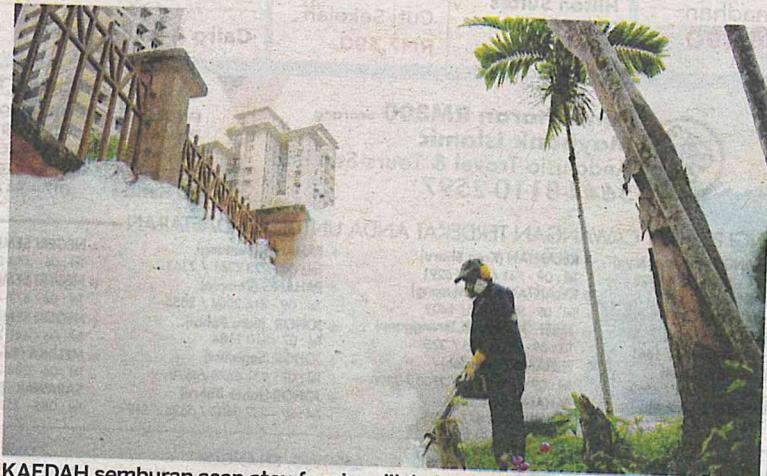
GEORGE TOWN – Lapan orang maut akibat demam denggi di Pulau Pinang sepanjang tempoh 22 minggu tahun ini berbanding dua kematian dalam tempoh sama pada tahun lalu.

Menurut kenyataan Bahagian Kesihatan Awam Jabatan Kesihatan Pulau Pinang, walaupun jumlah kematian dalam tempoh itu meningkat 300 peratus, namun bilangan kes demam denggi yang dilaporkan mencatatkan penurunan.

"Kes demam denggi di Pulau Pinang mencatatkan penurunan sebanyak satu kes bagi tempoh tujuh hari minggu lepas berbanding minggu sebelumnya.

"Sebanyak 65 kes denggi dilaporkan dari 2 hingga 8 Jun lalu, berbanding 66 kes dari 26 Mei hingga 1 Jun lepas," katanya di sini semalam.

Menurut kenyataan itu lagi, walaupun terdapat penurunan kes, secara kumulatif sehingga 8 Jun lalu, sebanyak 2,808 kes dilaporkan berbanding 1,847 kes



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bagi tempoh sama tahun lepas, iaitu peningkatan sebanyak 961 kes atau 52.03 peratus.

Menurut kenyataan itu terdapat satu lokaliti *hotspot* iaitu di Inderawasih Persiaran 2 di daerah Seberang Perai Tengah (SPT) manakala dua lokaliti wabak tidak terkawal di Jalan SP

Chelliah dari daerah Timur Laut dan Taman Pauh Indah (C1-C2) dari daerah SPT.

Selain itu, terdapat 10 lokaliti wabak terkawal yang terdiri daripada tiga dalam daerah Timur Laut, SPT (enam) dan Seberang Perai Selatan (satu).
– Bernama

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 2

RUANGAN : KEMATIAN MISTERI DI GUA MUSANG

24 pesakit masih dirawat di Hospital Kuala Krai

KUALA KRAI - Seramai 24 orang asli suku Bateq Kuala Koh dipercayai menghadapi masalah pernafasan masih ditempatkan di Hospital Kuala Krai.

Jumlah tersebut meningkat 12 orang berbanding 12 pesakit pada 9 Jun lalu.

Pengaruhnya, Dr Mohd Salleh Mat Jusoh berkata, empat daripada mereka dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) sejak 9 Jun lalu.

"Daripada jumlah tersebut, dua pesakit perempuan berusia 12 dan 27 tahun ditempatkan di wad ICU dewasa manakala dua bayi perempuan berusia 39 hari dan tiga bulan di tempatkan di Unit Rawatan Rapi Neonatal.

"Keadaan kesemua pesakit dilaporkan stabil dan kami sentiasa memantau perkembangan kesihatan mereka," katanya.

Sementara itu, Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad berkata, secara keseluruhannya setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam seramai 99 orang asli menerima rawatan berkaitan kes berkenaan.

"Buat masa ini kita masih belum tahu virus atau jenis mikroorganisma yang menjadi punca kes. Kita menunggu ujian serologi dan *polymerase chain reaction*," katanya di Putrajaya semalam.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES
MUKA SURAT : 11
RUANGAN : NATION/NEWS

FUNERAL RITES

'THEY BURY THEIR DEAD IN JUNGLES'

Orang Asli believe burials should be done far from their homes, say sources

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MORE than 16,000 Orang Asli from four tribes call Kelantan their home, and the majority of them practise age-old customs, especially when it comes to funeral rites.

Sources said of the majority, some 14,275 are from the Temiar tribe while the rest are from the Jahai (788), Batek (738) and Men-driq (367) tribes.

Sources said most of them lived in settlements in the interior parts of the state, such as Jeli and here.

"The Batek tribe is the third biggest indigenous community in Kelantan and most of them are still practising their old traditions, such as funeral rites.

"It is their belief that the burial of a family member, particularly one who has died of an unknown disease, should be done far away from their homes, such as in the jungles, as they do not want their souls or other 'bad things' to return," said one source.

The source said the Orang Asli believed that "bad creatures" would not disturb other villagers



An Aring Health Clinic staff member carrying out checks on an Orang Asli child from the Batek tribe at the clinic in Gua Musang yesterday. PIC BY SYAMSI SUHAIMI

if the bodies were placed deep in the jungles.

However, not all Orang Asli tribes practise the same customs and traditions as the Batek tribe.

"Each Orang Asli tribe will have their own customs which they will follow and many of

these customs are different from other tribes," said a source.

Former Temiar village head Ramli Lanas said his tribe did not bury their dead in the jungles even if the person had died of disease.

He said what had happened

with the Batek tribe in Kuala Koh should serve as a lesson for the Orang Asli in Sungai Rual, where his village was located.

"I told them (his villagers) that they need to follow basic hygiene rules in their daily activities and to ensure the river water that

they take for consumption is boiled first," said the 54-year-old.

Health officers continue to carry out checks on the Orang Asli, especially children, at the Aring Health Clinic and the Kuala Koh settlement.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 2

RUANGAN : NATION

GPs raise fee increase issue at meeting with Health Minister

PUTRAJAYA: General practitioners (GPs) are continuing to press for an increase in their fees by harmonising their fees with that of medical doctors in private hospitals.

The Federation of Private Medical Practitioners' Association Malaysia (FPPMPAM) pointed out that the Health Minister has the power to amend the fee schedule of GPs without going through the Cabinet.

Section 107 of the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act provided for the power for the minister to do that, said the association's honorary secretary Dr G. Shanmuganathan.

"It says that the minister may, from time to time, amend the fee schedule by publishing it in the gazette."

"So, why the need to go through

the Cabinet?" he said in a townhall session between the Health Minister and GPs yesterday.

The consultation fees for GPs working in private hospitals was revised from RM35 to RM125 in 2013 but not for private GPs operating clinics from shoplots, which remain between RM10 and RM35.

GP fees, as stated in the 7th Schedule of the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services (Private Medical Clinics and Private Dental Clinics) Regulations 2006, had not changed in 27 years, said doctors.

GPs have been calling for the fee harmonisation as provided for in Schedule 13 of the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services (Private Hospitals and Other Private Healthcare Facilities) Regulations 2006 when it was revised in 2013.

Dr Shanmuganathan said he was

disappointed that the matter still had to be referred to the National Cost of Living Council.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad assured the more than 800 GPs at the townhall meeting that he and his team in the ministry were with them and supported their request for the fee harmonisation.

He said the Cabinet felt that timing was the issue as the increase would have an impact on the economy.

On May 9, Dr Dzulkefly said the Cabinet did not reject the proposal but would discuss it at the National Cost of Living Council meeting before being brought up in the Cabinet again.

Dr Dzulkefly said the ministry empathised with the GPs but he said they too need to know where the government was coming from.



Setting things straight: Dr Dzulkefly (centre) attending the townhall session with private practitioners in Putrajaya.

AKHBAR : THE STAR**MUKA SURAT : 8****RUANGAN : NATION**

Three Orang Asli kids admitted to Kuala Krai Hospital ICU

KUALA KRAI: Three Orang Asli children - two of whom are 39 days old and three months old - have been admitted to the Kuala Krai Hospital intensive care unit (ICU).

They are some of the latest patients from the Bateq tribe here who are being warded at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) since Sunday.

Kuala Krai Hospital director Dr Mohd Salleh Mat Jusoh said another 27-year-old woman was also warded at the ICU.

He said that their conditions were stable.

"The conditions of the four patients were reported to be stable and we are monitoring the development of their health from time to time," he said at the hospital yesterday.

Dr Mohd Salleh said as of yesterday, 24 patients from the Bateq tribe were being treated after being brought to the hospital in the past few days.

He said they were placed in a special cluster ward.

"A total of 13 male patients and 11 female patients are being treated and monitored by a team of 23 hospital employees

including specialists assigned to ensure the patients are in good health," he said.

Dr Mohd Salleh said the hospital also limited visits by the public to prevent infections.

He said so far no patients had been allowed to return home and the hospital would continue to treat them until they have fully recovered.

The Bateq tribe in Kelantan started getting media attention after two members of the tribe died, believed to be from pneumonia early last month. — Bernama



Helping hands: Medical officers giving health checks to Bateq community members in Kampung Kuala Koh. — Bernama