

**AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN**  
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**RUANGAN : NASIONAL**

Penularan COVID-19

# Pesakit pulih cecah 49.7 peratus

202 sembuh semalam, atasi 170 kes baharu

**Kuala Lumpur:** Sebanyak 202 kes pulih dan dibenarkan discaj semalam, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes yang sembuh dan dibenarkan keluar hospital hampir separuh daripada bilangan keseluruhan kes, iaitu 49.7 peratus.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata jumlah kes sembuh setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam juga melebihi jumlah kes baharu positif COVID-19 yang merekodkan 170 kes.

Katanya, dengan angka pulih semalam itu, menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan sebanyak 2,478 kes. Beliau berkata, peratusan pulih itu hampir separuh daripada keseluruhan dijangkiti COVID-19, iaitu 4,987 kes.

Selepas kes keseluruhan ditolak dengan kes discaj dan kematian, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehtangkitan COVID-19 adalah 2,427 kes. Menurut beliau, mereka diasingkan dan diberi rawatan. "Sehingga kini, 60 kes positif COVID-19 sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU). Daripada jumlah terbabit, 33 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya pada sidang media hariannya di Putrajaya, semalam.

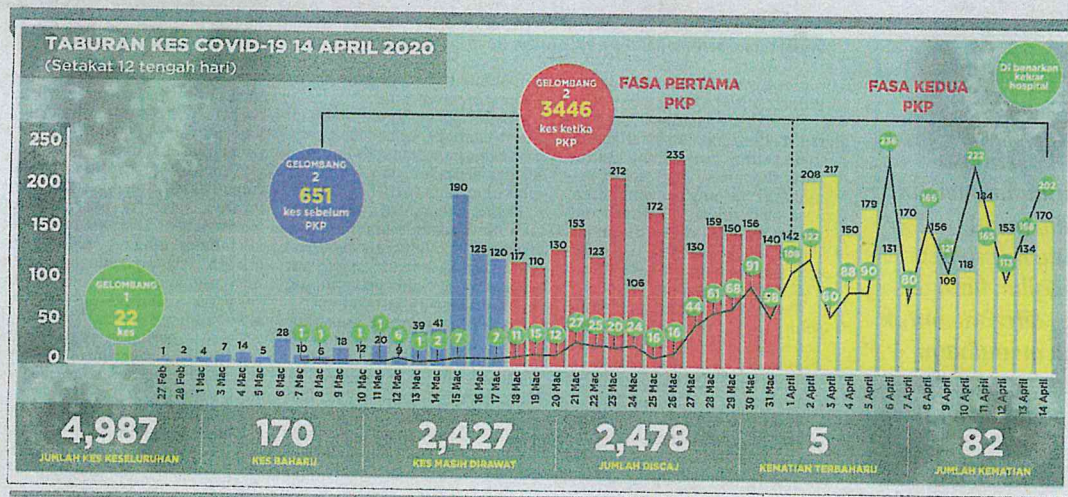


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Dr Noor Hisham pada sidang media harian di Putrajaya, semalam.

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## Kluster baharu di Sendayan

**Putrajaya:** Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) mengesan satu kluster baharu penularan COVID-19 di Sendayan, Negeri Sembilan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata sehingga kini, 39 kes positif dikesan di kawasan itu.

"Ada penularan COVID-19 di Sendayan. Tindakan bersepadu sudah dan sedang dilaksanakan pihak kami di lapangan bagi membendung penularan COVID-19 di Sendayan.

"Setakat ini, 39 kes positif membabitkan 13 pelajar tahfiz, 15 ahli lembaga pengarah sebuah syarikat dan sebuah keluarga membabitkan 11 individu," katanya pada sidang media semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, 28 kluster penularan virus itu dikesan di negara ini dengan kluster perhimpunan tabligh di Seri Petaling adalah terbesar.

"Selain kluster perhimpunan di Seri Petaling, kluster yang lain disifatkan masih kecil," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan lain, beliau berkata, lima makmal baharu akan dibuka bagi meningkatkan kapasiti saringan Real-Time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (rRT-PCR).

Katanya, lima makmal itu dijangka dibina di Tawau dan Sandakan, Sabah; Miri dan Bintulu, Sarawak serta Kluang, Johor dalam tempoh terdekat.

Kini Malaysia mempunyai 43 makmal di seluruh negara yang mampu menampung kapasiti 11,500 saringan rRT-PCR.

"Lebih penting bagi kita untuk mengoptimumkan makmal kerana banyak kes belum selesai dan memerlukan sekurang-kurangnya enam jam. Jika kes bertambah jadi laporan akan lambat antara 24 hingga 48 jam," katanya.

## NGO kena dapatkan spesifikasi PPE

**Putrajaya:** Kementerian Kesihatan meminta orang ramai atau pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) mendapatkan garis panduan pakaian perlindungan peribadi (PPE) sebelum menjahit atau menghantar sumbangan berkenaan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata petugas kementerian akan memberi spesifikasi PPE itu supaya dibuat menggunakan bahan sesuai.

"Kita mengalu-alukan orang ramai yang ingin membuat sumbangan PPE kepada kementerian untuk digunakan oleh petugas barisan hadapan ketika mengendalikan pesakit COVID-19.

"Mereka yang ingin menyumbang, boleh hubungi kami untuk mengetahui garis panduan seperti bagaimana membuat PPE ber-

kenaan dan juga jenis bahan (kain) digunakan," katanya kepada sidang media harian COVID-19, di sini, semalam.

Kelmarin, Dr Noor Hisham mendedahkan bekalan PPE di negara ini hanya mampu bertahan dua minggu dan penggunaan alatan terbahit dilihat meningkat secara drastik antara tiga hingga 10 kali ganda, susulan penularan COVID-19 di seluruh negara.

Katanya, kekurangan PPE isu global dan ia secara tidak langsung kelengkapan berkenaan menjadi satu keperluan utama bagi petugas kesihatan barisan hadapan dalam menghadapi wabak itu.

Mengenai bekalan PPE kepada petugas barisan depan, Dr Noor

Hisham berkata, kementerian menjalankan proses perolehan secara pukal pada peringkat pusat dan negeri bagi memastikan stok peralatan itu dibekalkan secara berterusan.

Katanya, KKM juga bekerjasama rapat dengan Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN), Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (NADMA) dan agensi pusat lain bagi memastikan isu berkaitan stok dapat diberi perhatian

khususnya. "Bagi memantau rapat paras stok dan kadar penggunaan bagi setiap jenis PPE di setiap negeri, KKM menggunakan sistem pelaporan dan pangkalan data dalam talian yang mudah.

"Ia dikendalikan pegawai di setiap Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri



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# Malaysia Airlines sambung operasi ke Sabah, Sarawak

Perkhidmatan kargo tak pernah dihentikan sepanjang PKP

**Kuala Lumpur:** Malaysia Airlines akan menyambung semula operasi penerbangan ke Sabah dan Sarawak dengan kekerapan sekali seminggu dari Kuala Lumpur ke Kuching, Miri dan Kota Kinabalu, minggu ini.

Menteri Pengangkutan, Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong, berkata Malaysia Airlines akan memastikan penerbangan itu dihubungkan oleh MASwings bagi laluan Miri-Bintulu, Kuching-Sibu-Kuching dan Sibu-Bintulu.

Bagaimanapun, katanya perkhidmatan kargo Malaysia Airlines, khususnya membawa makanan dan keperluan perubatan ke Sarawak tidak pernah dihentikan sepanjang Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

Katanya, Kementerian Pengangkutan sebelum ini, tidak pernah mengarahkan syarikat penerbangan seperti Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia atau Malindo untuk menghentikan operasi penerbangan ke Sarawak dan Sabah.

"Penerbangan kargo ke Sarawak dan Sabah terus beroperasi dengan kekerapan tiga kali seminggu dari Kuala Lumpur ke Kuching, Kota Kinabalu dan Labuan.

"Dengan pengoperasian MASwings ini, pedalaman Sarawak

dan Sabah juga akan terus berhubung. Jika ada permintaan dan penambahan penumpang, MAS bersedia untuk menambah frekuensi penerbangan mereka.

"Mereka akan menambah lebih banyak penerbangan ke Kuching, Miri atau Kota Kinabalu, mulai minggu depan, jika permintaan meningkat dan Sarawak akan terus dihubungkan dengan Semenanjung," katanya dalam kenyataan.

Malaysia Airlines sebelum ini dilaporkan memberhentikan penerbangan ke Sabah dan Sarawak kerana menghadapi kerugian yang akan memberi implikasi lebih buruk jika diteruskan.

Malaysia Airlines turut mencatatkan penurunan mendadak jumlah penumpang antara 10 hingga 15 peratus, susulan penu-



Malaysia Airlines akan menyambung semula operasi penerbangan ke Sabah dan Sarawak dengan kekerapan sekali seminggu. (Foto hiasan)

laran COVID-19.

AirAsia Group Berhad dalam kenyataan sebelum ini, memaklumkan memberhentikan sementara operasi bagi penerbangan antarabangsa dan domestik, mulai 28 Mac lalu hingga 28 April ini.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah pada sidang media harian di Putrajaya semalam, berkata setiap penumpang

akan menjalani saringan kesihatan sebelum menaiki pesawat dan selepas tiba di lokasi terbit.

"Kita kena saring penumpang sebelum menaiki pesawat dan ketika mereka tiba di destinasi. Kementerian Kesihatan akan pastikan saringan itu dibuat menggunakan pengimbas terma.

"Sekiranya demam, kita tidak galakkan individu terbit menaiki pesawat berkenaan," katanya.



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## Lelaki lebih ramai

**Kuala Lumpur:** Statistik kematian lelaki lebih ramai daripada wanita di Malaysia akibat Covid-19 disebabkan perhimpunan di Sri Petaling dan golongan itu lebih kerap berada di luar.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, 75 peratus kematian di Malaysia membabitkan lelaki manakala 25 peratus adalah wanita.

"Dalam perhimpunan Sri Petaling kebanyakan yang hadir adalah lelaki iaitu 33

peratus kematian di Malaysia terdiri daripada kuster itu.

"Faktor seterusnya lelaki lebih banyak aktiviti di luar dan terdedah dengan risiko jangkitan berbanding wanita," katanya dalam sidang media harian, semalam.

Menurutnya, hasil dapatan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) juga mendapati 50 peratus pesakit Covid-19 yang meninggal dunia di negara ini terdiri daripada mereka berusia 60 tahun ke atas.

## 202 kes pulih, discaj

**Putrajaya:** Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) melaporkan terdapat 202 kes yang pulih Covid-19 dan dibenarkan discaj semalam.

Ini menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya dan discaj daripada wad adalah 2,478 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, jumlah kumulatif pulih itu adalah 49.7 peratus iaitu hampir separuh daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

"Bilangan kes yang discaj adalah melebihi bilangan kes baharu yang dilapor-

kan. Hari ini (semalam) terdapat 170 kes baharu dilaporkan. Iri menjadikan jumlah kes positif Covid-19 di Malaysia adalah sebanyak 4,987 kes.

"Oleh itu, setelah kes kumulatif ditolak dengan kes discaj dan kematian, jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 adalah 2,427 kes," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian dalam sidang media harian berkaitan Covid-19 di KKM Putrajaya, semalam.

Menurutnya, mereka yang aktif kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 itu sudah diasingkan dan diberi rawatan.

## Kesan kluster baharu

**Kuala Lumpur:** Satu lagi kluster baharu dikesan di Sendayan, Negeri Sembilan dengan 39 individu termasuk 11 sekeluarga dan 13 pelajar tahfiz disahkan positif Covid-19.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mengambil tindakan bersepadu dan berharap wabak itu dapat dibendung dalam masa terdekat.

"Bagaimanapun, jemaah tabligh di perhimpunan Seri Petaling masih kekal sebagai kluster terbesar dengan 40 peratus.

Terdapat peningkatan kes mendadak di Negeri Sembilan disebabkan kius-

ter baharu ini apabila 39 orang disahkan positif Covid-19.

"Mereka terdiri daripada 13 pelajar tahfiz, satu keluarga merangkumi 11 orang dan 15 lembaga pengarah sebuah syarikat," katanya dalam sidang media harian semalam.

Menurutnya, tindakan sedang dilakukan KKM untuk membendung virus itu di Sendayan.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, seramai 572 individu sudah disaring di kawasan Masjid India selepas menjadi lokasi kelima dilaksanakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) bermula hari ini.

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KAKITANGAN JKNS giat menjalankan ujian sampel Covid-19 di makmal.

## Sasar proses 4,600 sampel dalam 48 jam

**Kota Kinabalu:** Pasukan Khas Makmal Kesihatan Awam Kota Kinabalu menyasarkan 4,600 sampel untuk diproses dalam masa 48 jam.

Pengarah Kesihatan Negeri, Datuk Dr Christina Rundi berkata, 5,007 sampel siap diproses bagi tempoh 8 hingga 10 April lalu.

"Bagaimanapun, jumlah sampel sedia ada dijangka bertambah sekiranya ada kumpulan sasaran baharu yang dikenal pasti.

"Terkini, kami juga menjalankan ujian ke atas 1,390 sampel setakat kelmarin. Menerusi jumlah ini, 20 ujian menunjukkan keputusan positif termasuk enam sampel ulangan.

"Secara keseluruhannya, 21,750 sampel daripada 241,340 individu menjalani saringan pemeriksaan di Sabah," katanya melalui kenyataan di sini, kelmarin.

Dalam pada itu, Christina berkata, Tawau mencatatkan 79 kes Covid-19.

Beliau menyatakan berdasarkan analisis Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sabah (JKNS), 32 kes membabitkan perhimpunan tabligh Seri Petaling, 31 kes kontak ge-

nerasi pertama, dua kes generasi kedua dan satu kes generasi ketiga.

"Sembilan kes lagi melibatkan tiga individu hadir di perhimpunan tabligh di Sulawesi, Indonesia selain enam tabligh warga asing manakala dua kes ada sejarah perjalanan ke luar negara serta satu kes sporadik dengan satu kontak.

"Selain Tawau, Kota Kinabalu melaporkan 39 kes Covid-19 membabitkan sembilan kes hadir ke perhimpunan tabligh Seri Petaling.

"Melalui kes ini, 11 kes adalah kontak generasi pertama dan empat kes kontak generasi kedua.

"Di samping itu, 10 kes sporadik dilaporkan iaitu lapan kes melibatkan anggota kesihatan dan dua kes sporadik tempatan dengan satu kes generasi pertama. Ada satu kes yang mempunyai sejarah ke luar negara serta dua kes kontak generasi pertama.

"Dalam pada itu, satu kes adalah kontak generasi pertama kepada kes di Tuaran yang mempunyai sejarah perjalanan ke luar negara," katanya.



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MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : LOKAL

## 200 penduduk diarah buat saringan

**Seremban:** Hampir 200 penduduk dari Taman Nusari Aman, Bandar Sri Sendayan di sini, diarah menjalani ujian saringan semalam selepas pihak berkuasa mengesan kluster baharu Covid-19.

Tinjauan di lokasi mendapati kakitangan Jabatan Kesihatan Daerah Seremban (JKDS) yang lengkap dengan pakaian perlindungan diri (PPE) menjalankan ujian saringan berkenaan.

Ujian berkenaan dijalankan di pekarangan Masjid Jamek Sheikh Haji Ahmad, Bandar Sri Sendayan.

Pasukan keselamatan termasuk Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) turut memantau pelaksanaan ujian berkenaan.

Ujian saringan itu dipercayai bertujuan mengesan individu lain yang mung-



KAKITANGAN Jabatan Kesihatan Daerah Seremban membuat saringan ke atas penduduk Taman Nusari Aman, Bandar Sri Sendayan.

kin dijangkiti Covid-19 selepas terdapat kluster baharu membabitkan penga-

sas sebuah syarikat di Sendayan seperti yang dimaklumkan Ketua Pengarah

Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah ketika sidang medianya, semalam.



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**Kuala Lumpur:** Zon merah Covid-19 kekal 26 daerah dengan Seremban merekodkan peningkatan mendadak sebanyak 41 jumlah kes positif, menurut Pusat Keselamatan dan Tindak Cepat Krisis Kebangsaan (CPRC) Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM).

Berdasarkan infografik CPRC KKM yang dikongsi di media sosial rasmi KKM, semalam, daerah berkenaan merekodkan 260 kes setakat jam 12 tengah hari kelmarin berbanding 219 kes sehari sebelum itu.

Selain itu, daerah Hulu Langat turut mencatatkan tambahan kes positif iaitu 419 kes berbanding 388 kes manakala kawasan Lembah Pantai meningkat daripada 496 kes kepada 515 kes.

Selangor masih mencatatkan bilangan kes positif Covid-19 tertinggi iaitu 1,249 kes manakala kes terendah

## Seremban catat peningkatan mendadak kes Covid-19



OPERASI PKP di sekitar Bandaraya Seremban menunjukkan pematuhan orang ramai terhadap PKP masih kurang apabila terdapat banyak kenderaan di jalan raya.

dengan masing-masing merekodkan satu kes di sembilan daerah iaitu Baling, Padang Terap, Bandar Bahru dan Sik di Kedah; Raub di Pahang serta Sri Aman, Ma-

tu, Mukah dan Lawas di Sarawak.

Zon merah mewakili jumlah

Selangor masih catat bilangan kes positif Covid-19 tertinggi

positif Covid-19 melebihi 41 kes, zon jingga (20-40 kes), zon



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kuning (1-19 kes) dan zon hijau tiada kes.

Antara kawasan yang menghampiri zon merah adalah Muar (40 kes) dan Kulai (37 kes) di Johor,

Dungun di Terengganu (37 kes), Seberang Perai Tengah di Pulau Pinang (38 kes), Kota Kinabalu dan Lahad Datu di Sabah (39 kes). - Bernama



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## MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

# KKM pantau stok PPE setiap negeri

Dr Noor Hisham akui kekurangan PPE adalah isu global

PUTRAJAYA

**K**ementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) memantau rapat paras stok dan kadar penggunaan bagi setiap jenis peralatan perlindungan diri (PPE) di setiap negeri.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, pemantauan itu dibuat menggunakan sistem pelaporan dan pangkalan data dalam talian yang mudah dikendalikan oleh pegawai di setiap Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri (JKN), hospital dan Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah (PKD) termasuk semua klinik kesihatan di bawah PKD masing-masing.

"Laporan ini dipantau rapat dan tindakan mobilisasi stok akan dibuat.

"Senarai nama, nombor telefon dan e-mel pegawai bagi setiap negeri telah dimaklumkan bagi membantu kakitangan



Seorang lelaki Afghanistan sedang menjahit pakaian PPE di sebuah pusat latihan jahitan di Ampang semalam.

memberi maklum balas sekiranya didapati berlaku kekurangan PPE.

"Semakan segera dan tindakan mobilisasi akan dilakukan mengikut keperluan dan keutamaan," katanya pada sidang akhbar harian berkaitan Covid-19 di sini semalam yang antara lain turut memaklumkan tentang kelengkapan PPE petugas kesihatan.

Menjelaskan bahawa isu berkaitan kekurangan PPE ada-

lah isu global dengan hampir semua negara terkesan dengan penularan wabak koronavirus (Covid-19), Dr Noor Hisham berkata, penggunaan PPE di fasiliti KKM meningkat secara mendadak.

"Kelengkapan pelindung diri adalah satu keperluan utama bagi petugas kesihatan barisan hadapan dalam menghadapi wabak Covid-19," kata beliau.

Bagi memastikan stok PPE berterusan, Dr Noor Hisham

Status terkini stok dan jenis PPE digunakan petugas kesihatan dalam pengendalian kes Covid-19

- Footwear/boot cover  
Baki stok: 78 hari
- Protective head cover  
Baki stok: 52 hari
- Topeng muka jenis 3-ply mask  
Baki stok: 47 hari
- Topeng muka jenis surgical N-95 mask  
Baki stok: 37 hari
- Disposable Face Shield (eye visor, face shield or goggles)  
Baki stok: 25 hari
- Disposable Fluid Resistant Apron (Long Sleeves With Cuff)  
Baki stok: 23 hari
- Jumpsuit/ Protective Coverall  
Baki stok: 19 hari
- Gaun plastik biasa dan lain-lain jenis PPE

berkata, KKM telah dan sedang menjalankan proses perolehan PPE secara pembelian pukal di peringkat pusat dan peringkat negeri di samping mengalu-alukan sumbangan PPE oleh pihak swasta, pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) dan dermawan.

"KKM turut bekerjasama rapat dengan Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN), Agensi Pengurusan Bencana Negara (Nadma) dan lain-lain agensi pusat bagi memastikan isu berkaitan stok ini dapat diberi perhatian khusus.

"Sumbangan PPE oleh pelbagai pihak swasta, NGO dan dermawan amat dialu-alukan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, bukan semua petugas kesihatan perlu memakai kesemua jenis PPE semasa mereka bertugas, sebaliknya ia dipakai mengikut keperluan bagi memastikan kadar dan pola penggunaan PPE di fasiliti kesihatan KKM.

"Setiap jenis PPE perlu dipakai mengikut keperluan di mana petugas kesihatan bertugas iaitu seperti yang dinyatakan dalam Garis Panduan Pengurusan Covid-19 di Malaysia No.5/2020 (Annex 8: The Infection Prevention And Control (IPC) Measures)," katanya.

Beliau berkata, KKM menyarankan penggunaan PPE dengan cermat dan berhemah oleh semua petugas kesihatan memandangkan ia digunakan secara berterusan. - Bernama

## E-Bazar langkah terbaik kurangkan jangkitan

**PUTRAJAYA** - Pelaksanaan e-Bazar merupakan langkah terbaik bagi mengelakkan perhimpunan pelanggan dalam usaha kerajaan memutuskan rantaian jangkitan koronavirus (Covid-19).

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, sejak pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP), perkhidmatan penghantaran makanan atas talian meningkat sehingga 70 peratus.

"Bazar Ramadan bukan masalah. Isunya ialah kehadiran ramai pelanggan ke gerai jualan," katanya di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, peniaga perlu mengambil pendekatan berbeza daripada kebiasaan dengan menggunakan kecekapan teknologi.

"Kaedah e-Bazar lebih terkawal dengan penghantaran makanan ke rumah," kata beliau.

Kelmarin, Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, kerajaan tidak membenarkan bazar Ramadan diadakan pada tahun ini.

## 'Habiskan banyak masa di luar rumah jadi faktor penyumbang'

**PUTRAJAYA** - Menghabiskan banyak masa di luar rumah merupakan salah satu faktor penyumbang lebih ramai lelaki maut akibat pandemik koronavirus (Covid-19) di Malaysia.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, peningkatan kes kematian itu berkemungkinan disebabkan lelaki banyak melakukan aktiviti seperti menggalas tanggungjawab sebagai ketua keluarga.

"Kematian melibatkan lelaki di seluruh negara adalah sebanyak 75 peratus terdiri daripada lelaki," katanya di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, peserta menghadiri

### PENINGKATAN KEMATIAN GOLONGAN LELAKI

perhimpunan di Sri Petaling juga rata-ratanya lelaki.

"Sebanyak 50 peratus daripada 82 kematian melibatkan lelaki berumur 50 tahun ke atas yang mempunyai risiko imuniti badan yang rendah manakala 85 peratus daripadanya mempunyai penyakit kronik lain seperti kencing manis, darah tinggi dan jantung," kata beliau.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika diminta mengulas mengenai faktor penyumbang kematian melibatkan lelaki.

Ia selari dengan kenyataan Pakar Perunding Perubatan dan Paru-paru, Sunway Medical Centre Velocity di



Muka depan akhbar Sinar Harian semalam.

Kuala Lumpur, Dr Nurul Yaqeen Mohd Esa yang berkata, lelaki yang banyak menghabiskan masa di luar rumah lebih berisiko mati akibat Covid-19.

## Lima makmal baharu dibina tingkat kapasiti ujian saringan Covid-19

**PUTRAJAYA** - Kerajaan akan membina lima makmal baharu bagi meningkatkan kapasiti ujian saringan Covid-19 di seluruh negara.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, pembinaan makmal tersebut akan dilakukan dalam masa terdekat.

"Lima lokasi telah dikenal pasti ia-

itu Sandakan dan Tawau di Sabah; Bintulu dan Miri di Sarawak serta Kluang, Johor," katanya di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, jumlah itu akan menjadikan keseluruhan makmal Covid-19 sebanyak 48 buah di seluruh negara.

"Buat permulaan, kita ingin meningkatkan ujian Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) kepada 16,500 sehari.

Hari ini (semalam) keupayaan kita untuk 43 makmal sedia ada adalah 11,500," katanya.

Beliau berkata, banyak kes belum selesai berikutan kaedah Real-Time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (rRT-PCR) (ujian Covid-19) memakan masa sekurang-kurangnya enam jam.



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# 49.7 peratus kes disahkan pulih

Lima kematian dicatatkan melibatkan empat lelaki dan seorang perempuan

Oleh **TUAN BUQHAIRAH**  
**TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN**

**PUTRAJAYA**

Situasi pandemik koronavirus (Covid-19) di Malaysia merekodkan perkembangan baik apabila jumlah pesakit yang pulih sepenuhnya dan dibenarkan discaj dari wad telah mencapai jumlah kumulatif 2,478 orang iaitu 49.7 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, jumlah pesakit yang pulih sepenuhnya semalam seramai 202 orang juga melebihi jumlah kes positif baharu iaitu 170 kes yang direkodkan sehingga jam 12 tengah hari menjadikan jumlah kes positif Covid-19 sebanyak 4,987 kes.

"Setelah kes kumulatif ditolak dengan kes discaj dan kematian, jumlah kes aktif dengan



Dr Noor Hisham bercakap pada sidang akhbar harian berkaitan jangkitan Covid-19 di Kementerian Kesihatan, Putrajaya semalam.

kebolehhangkitan Covid-19 adalah 2,427 kes. Mereka telah diasingkan dan diberi rawatan," katanya pada sidang akhbar harian perkembangan Covid-19 di Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) di sini semalam. Dr Noor Hisham berkata, setakat ini terdapat pertambahan lima kes kematian menjadikan jumlah kumulatif sebanyak

82 kematian akibat Covid-19. Beliau berkata, ia menjadikan kes kematian-akibat Covid-19 adalah 1.64 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes. "Seorang lelaki dipercayai warga asing tanpa identiti yang ditemukan mati di Kota Kinabalu, Sabah disahkan positif Covid-19. "Keputusan ujian sampel

## Kluster Sendayan dikenal pasti

**PUTRAJAYA** - Sebanyak 39 kes positif Covid-19 dikesan di Sendayan, Negeri Sembilan melibatkan 13 pelajar tahfiz, sekumpulan 15 individu dan 11 orang daripada sebuah keluarga.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, tindakan bersepadu telah dan sedang dilaksanakan di lapangan bagi membendung penularan Covid-19 di Sendayan.

Jelasnya, 28 kluster penularan virus itu dikesan di Malaysia dengan kluster perhimpunan di Sri Petaling, Kuala Lumpur adalah yang terbesar. "Selain kluster perhimpunan di Sri Petaling, kluster yang lain disifatkan masih kecil," katanya.

Ditanya sekiranya ada kes baharu Masjid India dan kawasan sekitar Kuala Lumpur, beliau berkata setakat ini 573 sampel telah diambil.

"Di Masjid India, tiada kes baharu tapi kita telah mulakan tindakan, malah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) dilaksanakan," jelasnya.

PKPD turut dikenakan di Jalan Munshi Abdullah, Jalan Dang Wangi, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, Jalan Tun Perak, Jalan Melaka dan Jalan Ampang.

Covid-19 yang diambil pada 11 April mendapati lelaki yang ditemui mati pada 6 April itu dijangkiti wabak berkenaan.

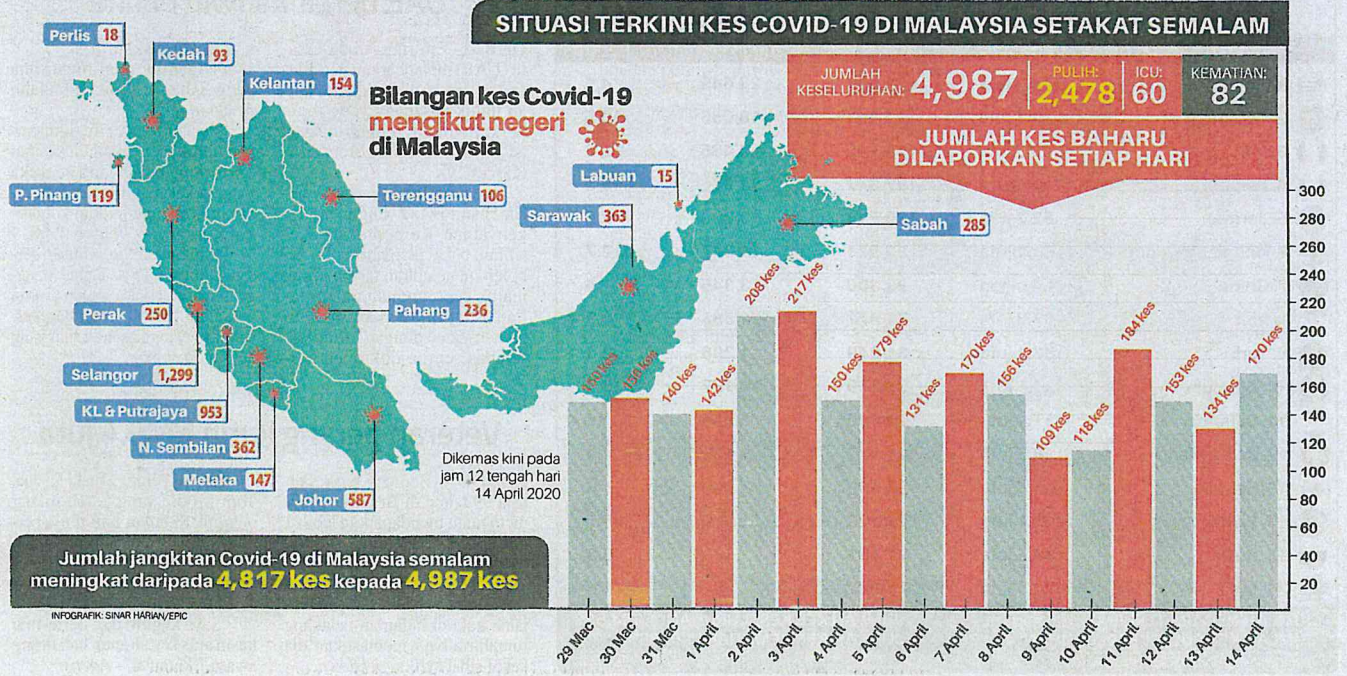
"Kes itu di bawah siasatan pihak Polis Diraja Malaysia," katanya.

Selain itu, empat lagi kematian direkodkan semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif meningkat kepada 82 kes.

Beliau berkata, kes pulih menghampiri separuh daripada keseluruhan kes positif apabila KKM mencatatkan 202 pesakit pulih dan dibenarkan pulang semalam.

"Seramai 60 kes pula sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dan 33 daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya.

## SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM





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## Menanti sifar kematian



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 MUHAMAD ADNAN

**S**ewaktu melaporkan gelombang pertama wabak Covid-19 yang bermula pada penghujung Januari lalu, saya tidak pernah menyangka akan menyaksikan virus jahat itu tersebar ke hampir seluruh 329,847 kilometer persegi bumi Malaysia dalam masa yang begitu cepat.

Kedaaan menjadi ketara selepas gelombang kedua bermula apabila pesakit ke-26 disahkan dijangkiti sedangkan Malaysia sebelum itu bebas daripada kes baharu positif Covid-19 selama 11 hari berturut-turut.

Selepas itu, angka kes baharu jangkitan terus melonjak setiap hari. Semalam, lima lagi kematian dicatatkan menjadikan angka korban Covid-19 di negara ini meningkat kepada 82 orang. Sebanyak 4,987 kes positif wabak itu dicatatkan setakat semalam.

Bagi saya yang merakamkan perkembangan wabak itu menerusi sidang akhbar di Putrajaya, dari hari ke hari dan detik ke detik, lebih merasai debarannya. Saya melihat bagaimana kakitangan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) berterusan memerah keringat dan berganding bahu merancang serta menyusun strategi bagi memerangi virus ini.

Ketika KKM bersiap sedia untuk menghadapi gelombang kedua Covid-19 yang disangkakan diimport daripada pelancong tempatan yang bercuti ke luar negara, perhimpunan tabligh di Masjid Sri Petaling, Kuala Lumpur dan perhimpunan gereja di Kuching, Sarawak meletus umpama bom jangka yang tidak diduga.

Sekali lagi warga KKM berdepan ujian getir bagi mengekang penularannya.

Masakan tidak, kerja-kerja melawan virus ini ibarat memerangi musuh yang tidak nampak dengan mata tertutup. Menyukarkan lagi tugas KKM adalah untuk mencari jalan bagaimana menyekat penularan wabak oleh pesakit yang tidak mempunyai simptom.

Setiap kematian yang diumumkan menyebabkan perasaan bercampur baur. Misalnya, ucapan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba pada sidang akhbar yang berbunyi, "dukacitanya dimaklumkan bahawa terdapat kematian dilaporkan kepada Pusat Ke-siapsiagaan dan Tindak Cepat (CPRC) Kebangsaan..." sudah cukup untuk meruntun hati.

Terasa bulu roma tegak berdiri mengiringi khabar duka. Sedih dan terkejut sudah pasti walaupun mereka bukan darah daging saya. Tapi sebagai rakyat yang didik dengan nilai patriotisme, ia memberi kesan duka di dalam hati.

Tidak menyangka sejauh itu pandemik Covid-19 mengganas sehingga memaksa Majlis Fatwa Kebangsaan mengeluarkan panduan pengurusan jenazah bagi pesakit Muslim. Majlis Fatwa juga membuat keputusan menangguhkan solat Jumaat dan solat berjemaah di masjid serta surau sebagai usaha memutuskan rantaian jangkitan.

Sejak itu, kebimbangan terhadap virus ini semakin meningkat bahkan saban hari CPRC merekodkan kematian mangsa Covid-19.

Rekod tertinggi kematian dicatatkan pada 29 Mac dengan tujuh kes dalam masa sehari. Rutin normal harian juga berubah apabila pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) fasa pertama dikuatkuasakan pada 18 Mac lalu.

Akhirnya, pada hari ini, biarpun kematian masih direkodkan CPRC,

**K**etika KKM bersiap sedia menghadapi gelombang kedua Covid-19 yang disangkakan diimport daripada pelancong tempatan yang bercuti ke luar negara, perhimpunan tabligh di Masjid Sri Petaling, Kuala Lumpur dan perhimpunan gereja di Kuching, Sarawak meletus."

namun usaha itu mula membuahkan hasil apabila lengkungan kes mula mendatar sekali gus memberi harapan wabak Covid-19 akan segera berakhir.

Rasa syukur terzahir setiap kali Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah mengeluarkan angka kes pulih yang semakin bertambah, malah mengatasi kes baharu jangkitan virus tersebut. Namun, jauh di sudut hati saya mengharapkan Noor Hisham menuturkan sekurang-kurangnya bahawa "tiada pertambahan kes kematian direkodkan hari ini".

Saya cuba membayangkan bagaimana suasana di ruang sidang media itu sekiranya perkara itu menjadi kenyataan. Meskipun rakan setugas lain memilih untuk bekerja dari rumah selaras dengan kemajuan teknologi, saya memilih untuk melangkah tanpa jemu ke bangunan Kementerian Kesihatan di Putrajaya dengan harapan yang menggunggu.

Saya menanti sifar kematian.

\* Tuan Buqhairah Tuan Muhamad Adnan ialah wartawan Sinar Harian Edisi Nasional



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5 NEW DEATHS

# ALMOST 50pc OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED

Malaysia has recorded more recoveries than new infections for two consecutive days

PUTRAJAYA

**N**EARLY half of Covid-19 patients in the country have recovered and discharged from hospitals.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said 202 patients were discharged from hospitals yesterday, bringing the total number of patients who have recovered from Covid-19 to 2,478 (49.7 per cent).

For two consecutive days, Malaysia has recorded more Covid-19 recoveries than new infections. A total of 170 new cases were recorded yesterday.

"The total number of Covid-19 cases is 4,987. There are 2,427 active cases.

"Sixty patients are being treated in Intensive Care Units, with 33 requiring breathing assistance," he said here yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said the National Crisis Preparedness Response Centre reported five new fatalities, pushing the death toll to 82, or 1.64 per cent from the total number of cases.

He said the 78th death (Case 4,532) was a male believed to be a foreigner.

He died in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, on April 6.

"He tested positive for Covid-19. His cause of death is being investigated by police."



Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah speaking at a press conference in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

The 79th death (Case 2,052) was a Malaysian man, 65, with a history of diabetes, hypertension and kidney problems.

He was admitted to Sungai Buloh Hospital on March 27 and died yesterday at 5.17am.

The 80th case (Case 4,818) was a Malaysian man, 63, who had cardiovascular and kidney diseases. He was admitted to Kuala Lumpur Hospital on April 7 and died on Sunday at 11.36pm.

"Our 81st fatality (Case 4,521) was a Malaysian woman, 71, who had kidney problems. She had close contact with Case 4,088, who attended the tabligh gathering at Masjid Jamek Sri Petaling in Kuala Lumpur.

"She died at Melaka Hospital on Tuesday at 4.20pm."

The 82nd death (Case 1,649) was a Malaysian man, 81, who had diabetes. The man had close contact with Case 343, who attended the tabligh gathering.

"He was pronounced dead at Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Hospital in Johor yesterday at 11.50am."

The Health Ministry reported a new Covid-19 cluster in Senayan, Negri Sembilan, with 39 positive cases.

Dr Noor Hisham said the cluster included 13 tahfiz students and a family of 11.

"Our officers are conducting integrated action to curb the spread of Covid-19 in the area."

The tabligh cluster, he added, remained the country's biggest cluster, accounting for almost 40

per cent of the cases.

He said the ministry had taken 24,505 samples from those who attended the event.

A total of 1,904 of the attendees, or 39 per cent, tested positive for the virus.

On Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Dr Noor Hisham said the country needed to find ways to be self-sustainable where the supply of medical protective gear was concerned.

He said 63 per cent of the global production of gloves came from Malaysia.

"We are the largest producer of gloves in the world and it should be the same with PPE. We should be the ones taking the lead."

He said the use of PPE in hospitals had multiplied by three to

10 times due to the pandemic.

"We need to see how we can ensure a continuous supply of PPE, and an efficient distribution channel to all states and clinics."

Frontliners must use PPE as per the guidelines of the ministry, he added.

They were also told to wear PPE when treating patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Infections or influenza-like illness, given the possibility that the patients might have Covid-19.

The ministry, he said, was trying to acquire KN95 masks from China as the United States had stopped exporting them.

He said the ministry had 100,000 pieces of KN95 masks given by China.

Dr Noor Hisham said there were 42 local companies producing three-ply masks.

However, he said, the country needed to look for ways to produce N95 masks as well, both for the people's use and for export.

"We need to ensure that we always have more than two weeks' stock of these essential gear."

Currently, the ministry's stock of surgical N95 masks is enough for 37 days, surgical three-ply masks for 47 days and protective head covers for 52 days.

Its stock of face shields can last 25 days, boot covers for 78 days and isolation gowns for 23 days.

The stock of protective suits, however, might only last for 19 more days.

Dr Noor Hisham said any private organisations or non-governmental organisations that wished to donate PPE to hospitals could contact the ministry as they would be provided with guidelines on how to make them, including the type of fabric to be used.

## Health D-G: Five new labs to boost Covid-19 testing capacity

**PUTRAJAYA:** Malaysia's testing capacity for Covid-19, which stands at 11,500 samples a day, is expected to increase with the addition of five new laboratories.

These facilities will be located in Tawau and Sandakan in Sabah, Miri and Bintulu in Sarawak and Kluang in Johor.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah yesterday said with the addition of the laboratories, there would be 48 testing facilities nationwide.

"But what's also important is that we optimise our existing lab-

oratory facilities."

He said there were many pending cases due to the use of PCR test kits, which could take up to six hours to yield results.

If the number of cases increased, it might take between 24 and 48 hours to get the results, he added.

He said to optimise the use of existing laboratory facilities for diagnosis of Covid-19, the ministry would continue to use PCR test kits.

However, for close contacts of patients who were in quarantine for 14 days, he said, health of-

icers would take their swabs for the PCR test on the first day.

On the 13th day, however, instead of repeating the swab test, health officers would administer the antibody serology test.

Dr Noor Hisham said this test was faster and samples did not need to be sent to the lab.

"If the serology test result comes out positive, then only do we test again using the PCR test kit," he said.

If the individual's antibody serology test showed a positive result, it indicated that the per-

son had antibody response.

It also showed that there was an infection.

"In such cases, we do the PCR test again because even if he has the antibody, the virus can still be in his body."

However, if the individual's PCR test result on the first day of quarantine was negative and on the 13th day, the antibody serology test also indicated no antibody response, then it showed that the virus was not in the person's body.

"This way, we can save on the

use of PCR test kits."

He added that based on the prediction that Malaysia would experience a peak in cases in the middle of the month, Malaysia should have recorded 6,300 cases by now.

However, the country had recorded fewer than 5,000 cases.

This, he said, showed that the first and second phases of the Movement Control Order had managed to reduce the number of cases and the third and final phase would help improve the situation.



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# Help suit up our frontline heroes in their battle

Comment by WANI MUTHIAH

**SUPERHEROES** do not come in capes these days. They wear medical scrubs.

Their armour is the personal protective equipment (PPE) that they put on in their confrontation with an unseen enemy, codenamed SARS-CoV-2.

Which is why it is unsettling to know that PPE stock for frontliners can perhaps only last for several weeks.

"The use of PPE has risen by two to 10 times more than the normal use," said Health director-general

Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah on Monday.

And the Health Ministry tweeted yesterday evening about the PPE stock available for its medical teams. Among others:

- > Footwear/boot cover – 78 days
- > Protective head cover – 52 days
- > Disposable face shield (eye visor, face shield or goggles) – 25 days
- > Disposable fluid-resistant apron (long sleeves with cuffs) – 23 days
- > Jumpsuit/protective coverall – 19 days

There have been many accounts of Malaysians getting together to make PPE for the frontliners.

But with this latest numbers laid bare, it is hoped that more companies, NGOs or even private citizens will come forward to give a helping hand.

These frontliners risk exposure to the deadly virus every day.

It was reported last week that nine medical workers had been infected by patients whose condition was unknown at the time they sought treatment.

Another three were infected via ground screening, among others.

Thus, more can be done for our frontliners as they work to protect Malaysians from Covid-19.

They also make personal sacrifices. They self-isolate from their loved ones.

Some have even taken to spending time in the garden or porch when at home as they want to protect their families from possible risks.

The quantum of PPE usage may further increase as no one knows when the outbreak can be contained.

There is no end yet to this horror movie.

For now, let's keep our end of the bargain by adhering to social distancing rules.

Like what Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunjku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah said in her interview with *The Star*, Malaysians need to exercise greater self-discipline.

This is also the time that we rally together to help protect the safety of our medical staff. Show them that we care.

Remember the song *Superman (It's Not Easy)* by Five for Fighting? Part of the lyrics said:

"Even heroes have the right to dream. And it's not easy to be me."

So as you go to bed tonight, keep our brave frontliners in your thoughts and prayers.

# Ministry lists PPE guidelines

Contact us if unsure of standards, advises Dr Noor Hisham

## Proper gear and attire vital for frontliners



**PUTRAJAYA:** As more good Samaritans come forward to produce and donate personal protective equipment (PPE) for Covid-19 frontliners, the Health Ministry has offered guidance on what needs to be done.

Many do-gooders, from non-governmental organisations, manufacturers and even fashion designers, have banded together to help address the shortage of PPE at health facilities.

On Monday, the ministry encouraged various parties, including NGOs, to donate PPE for frontline personnel who are treating Covid-19 patients.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the supply of PPE for frontliners was still needed as it was one of the disposable items they use daily.

The current stock could last for another two weeks in some hospitals, he said.

Speaking to the reporters yesterday, Dr Noor Hisham said the kind gestures were highly welcomed.

"If they are unsure on what the standards are for the PPE we require, we can advise them on what materials would be suitable."

"PPE usage has gone up by 10 times now. While we have adequate equipment for the time being, the concern is on the continuous usage of PPE, so we do need a steady supply," he said at the ministry's daily Covid-19 press conference here.

He said the ministry was mass-buying the PPE to ensure continuous supply.

He added the ministry was tracking PPE stock via an online database, which was handled by officers in the state health departments, hospitals and district health offices.

"The list of names, telephone

**Protective gear used by Covid-19 frontliners**  
 Number of days before stock finishes (As of March 14, 2020)



Source: Health Ministry

numbers and email addresses of the officers of each state has been disseminated so that the public and other staff members can provide feedback should there be a shortage in PPE," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham cited the difficulty in procuring N95 masks as an example of challenges faced by the ministry.

"We are facing difficulty in procuring N95 masks as the United States is no longer exporting them."

"So we now have KN95 masks from China, which has given us 100,000 of such masks," he said.

He also said Health Ministry personnel would have to follow the guidelines on the appropriate and judicious use of PPE.

"There are those who are wearing full PPE when they do not need

to, so we must make sure to ration it according to our guidelines," he said.

Apart from donating PPE, many organisations are also raising funds to help the country in its fight against Covid-19.

The Star Foundation and Star Media Group Bhd are also playing an active part in urging Malaysians to join hands to support our medical frontliners.

The foundation started the ball rolling by pledging RM1mil towards "Star Frontliners Initiative" to raise funds for the purchase of medical supplies for hospitals and medical staff.

This, together with the funds raised, will be used to purchase medical supplies that will be donated to the Health Ministry.

Donations can be made to Star Foundation-Medical Fund's Public Bank account (31-9984-9230) via bank transfer, credit or debit cards.

For a tax exemption receipt to be issued, donors need to fill in the Medical Fund Donation Form available on the website listed below.

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The Medical Fund programme was started in 2015 to help individuals and families in dire need of financial aid and medical attention.

For details, visit [starfoundation.com.my](http://starfoundation.com.my).

**PETALING JAYA:** Collective effort in the country is vital to equip frontliners with the proper gear and attire, say civil society leaders and economists.

They said a good first step was taken by fashion industry leaders, who are racing against time to produce personal protective equipment (PPE) that are essential in the frontliners' battle against Covid-19.

Economist Datuk Dr John Anthony Xavier said the move by the fashion industry was a great morale boost for the frontliners.

"Without the PPE, you are going to put the frontliners at grave risk of infection and death. That will be demoralising all around and an immoral thing to do," he said.

It was reported that the Health Ministry was encouraging various parties, including non-governmental organisations (NGOs), to donate PPE for use by frontline personnel treating Covid-19 patients.

The Group of 25 Eminent Malays (G25) said they fully supported the Health Ministry's call for the public to donate PPE to hospitals as it would reduce the reliance on imported PPE. However, the group pointed out that the government needed to come up with solutions to distribution and logistics problems they faced when dealing with imported PPE.

"It is important that the government identify the problems to avoid further delays in the distribution of PPE to frontliners," it added.

Another economist, Prof Dr Yeah Kim Leng of Sunway University, said all hands must be on deck to help medical frontliners.

"Failure to ensure adequate testing, treatment and protective equipment will jeopardise their lives, prolong the outbreak and delay the recovery of the economy," he said.

Alliance for a Safe Community chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye said all Malaysians must chip in whatever way they could to help the country during this time of a major health emergency.

"It is important if we can get everybody to help out and treat this as our national responsibility," he said.



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**Covid-19: Current situation globally**

(As of 7pm April 14, 2020)

	Malaysia											
	New cases		Total cases		Total deaths		Total recovered					
	170   4,987   82   2,478											
Asean+	S. Korea	India	Japan	Philippines	Indonesia	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam	Brunei	Cambodia	Myanmar	Laos
Confirmed cases	10,564	10,541	7,645	5,223	4,839	2,918	2,613	265	136	122	62	19
Deaths	222	358	143	335	459	9	41	0	1	0	4	0
Recovered	7,534	1,205	799	295	426	586	1,405	167	107	91	2	0
Global Top 10	US	Spain	Italy	France	Germany	UK	China	Iran	Turkey	Belgium		
Confirmed cases	582,594	172,541	159,516	137,877	130,072	89,571	83,303	73,303	61,049	31,119		
Deaths	23,649	18,056	20,465	14,986	3,194	11,347	3,345	4,585	1,296	4,157		
Recovered	44,308	67,504	35,435	28,001	68,200	323	78,148	45,983	3,957	6,868		

# 2,478 patients discharged so far

## Number of recoveries almost half of total cases in the country, says Health Ministry

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The number of Covid-19 recoveries in Malaysia is almost half the number of total cases in the country, with 2,478 patients being discharged so far, says the Health Ministry.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the figure translates to 49.7% of the total number of cases, which stands at 4,987.

At the ministry's daily Covid-19 media briefing yesterday, he announced that 202 more patients were discharged in the past 24 hours.

"Once again, the number of cases that have been discharged is more than the number of new confirmed cases (170)," he added.

He also announced five new fatalities which bring the Covid-19 death toll in Malaysia to 82 cases.

One of them was an unidentified man who was found dead in Kota Kinabalu on April 6.

"The results of the samples taken from the man during post-mortem found that he was Covid-19 positive.

"The man was found without any identification and is believed to be a non-Malaysian. The case is currently under police investiga-

tion," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham also said the ministry had identified a new Covid-19 cluster in Sendayan, Negri Sembilan, which had seen 39 confirmed cases so far.

"The patients in the area included 13 tahfiz students and one family of 11."

He added that the ministry has so far identified 28 Covid-19 clusters and sub-clusters, with the Masjid Sri Petaling tabligh gathering cluster accounting for at least 40% of all cases.

He however said there were no new cases involving the other five big clusters - the Bandar Baru Bangi

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wedding cluster, the Kuching church gathering cluster, the Kuching "Italy" cluster, the Rembau cluster and the Kuantan "Bali" cluster.



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## MCO proves helpful in keeping Covid-19 cases below 5,000

**PETALING JAYA:** The number of Covid-19 cases in Malaysia has remained below 5,000 as of yesterday, proof that the movement control order (MCO) is a success.

Health Ministry director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said earlier projections had placed the number at above 6,000 cases by this time, "but thanks to the MCO, we have kept it below 5,000."

In his daily briefing yesterday, Noor Hisham said there were five fatalities yesterday, bringing the number of deaths to 83. Another 170 new cases were also reported, bringing the total to 4,987.

He said 202 patients were discharged yesterday, bringing the number of those who

have recovered to 2,478 or 49.7% of all reported cases.

Sixty patients are being treated in intensive care with 33 needing ventilators.

Noor Hisham said the implementation of the enhanced MCO (EMCO) in selected areas has also successfully prevented the virus from spreading.

"We are seeing positive results in places such as Simpang Renggam and Sungai Lui."

Noor Hisham said that among the fatalities, 75% were men. He attributed this to the fact that more men than women attended the Seri Petaling gathering that sparked off a burst of new cases.

He said half the number of those who died

were aged above 60, and nearly 85% had underlying health problems.

On the welfare of personnel on the frontline, Noor Hisham said the government has been procuring personal protection equipment suits to meet demand.

He said they have in stock boot covers to last 78 days, protective headgear for 52 days as well as face masks, face shields, disposable fluid resistant aprons and protective coveralls to last up to 47 days.

Noor Hisham said efforts have been made to look for an alternative supplier of N-95 masks after the United States, the world's biggest producer, banned its export.

- by **Rajvinder Singh**



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### **PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

PUTRAJAYA: The Health Ministry is asking for donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) for frontliners treating Covid-19 patients. Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said there is a need to restock PPEs for frontline personnel as they are among disposable items used daily. "The use of PPEs has risen two to 10 times more than usual," he said. Noor Hisham explained that PPEs are used on daily basis unlike ventilators, which are so far sufficient. "We have enough ventilators, there are 956 units, and there is no need for more ventilators. But we are in need of PPEs. If any party or non-governmental organisations want to donate, please donate them to us (ministry)," he said. "It is important that we continue to procure PPEs. So far, we have enough to last for at least another two weeks," he said. – Bernama