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Pemulih COVID-19

# 4 kluster baharu dikesan

**18 jangkitan babit  
13 warganegara  
Malaysia, lima  
warga asing**

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**Putrajaya:** Seramai 18 individu dilaporkan positif COVID-19, membabitkan 10 kes import yang mendapat jangkitan dari luar negara dan lanjut kes penularan tempatan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata semua kes membatikan 13 warganegara Malaysia dan lima warga asing.

Katanya, pertambahan kes berkenaan menjadikan jumlah terkumpul sebanyak 8,755 kes dengan jumlah kes aktif dan kebolehjangkitan 92 kes.

"Hanya tiga kes pulih yang dilaporkan sehingga jam 12 tengah hari ini (semalam) menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih di negara ini sebanyak 8,541 kes atau 97.6 peratus daripada jumlah kes seluruh kes," katanya dalam kenyataan, di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, tiada pertambahan kematian dan kekal 122 kes bersamaan 1.39 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Dalam perkembangan berkaitan, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, ada empat kluster baharu yang mendapat jangkitan dari luar negara dan satu kluster membatikan petugas barisan hadapan.

Katanya, kluster berkenaan dikenali sebagai Kluster pesakit bawah siasatan (PUI) Pitakwa, Kluster PUI Shirala, Kluster Pusat Perubatan Kuching dan Kluster Jupiter.

Beliau berkata, semua kluster itu sudah menjangkiti enam individu, iaitu masing-masing dua

kes di Hulu Terengganu, satu kes di Kuching dan Selangor serta dua kes di Bintulu, Sarawak.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, kes indeks bagi Kluster PUI Pitakwa, atau kes ke-8,737 itu baru pulang ke Malaysia dari Nigeria pada 11 Julai lalu.

"Saringan COVID-19 di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) mendapat beliau negatif. Tiga hari selepas ketibaan di Malaysia beliau perlu menjalani ujian ulangan COVID-19 kerana mula mengalami gejala yang lebih teruk, sebelum dikesan positif wabak terbatit dan dimasukkan ke Hospital Hulu Terengganu.

"Susulan itu, 44 kontak rapat sudah dikenal pasti dan disaring terutama dalam kalangan ahli keluarga, penumpang, kru kapal terbang, pemandu teksi serta rakan sekerja.

"Daripada jumlah yang disaring, dua individu dikesan positif,

iaitu kes ke-8,754 dan 8,755. Tiga lagi individu negatif, manakala 39 individu lagi masih menunggu keputusan saringan," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Kluster PUI Shirala membatikan warga asing yang bekerja sebagai golongan profesional yang memasuki negara ini pada 6 Julai lalu.

"Saringan COVID-19 di India dan kemudian di KLIA mendapat beliau negatif. Lima hari selepas ketibaannya di Malaysia, beliau perlu menjalani ujian ulangan COVID-19 kerana mula menunjukkan gejala dan dikesan positif pada 11 Julai lalu.

"Beliau kemudian dibawa ke Hospital Sungai Buloh. Setakat ini, dua kontak rapat sudah dikenal pasti dan seorang daripada mereka dikesan positif COVID-19 (kes ke-8,738), dan seorang lagi negatif," katanya.

Beliau berkata, bagi kluster ketiga iaitu Kluster Pusat Perubatan Kuching, kes indeks kluster itu



**Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah**

ialah warganegara Malaysia yang bertugas di barisan hadapan.

"Kes indeks iaitu kes ke-8,734 menjalani saringan COVID-19 kerana berisiko tinggi dan bertugas sebagai petugas kesihatan, namun kes ini tidak menunjukkan sebarang gejala.

"Beliau dikesan positif COVID-19 pada 14 Julai lalu sebelum dimasukkan ke Hospital Umum Sarawak. Setakat ini, seorang individu iaitu kes ke-8,744, yang juga rakan sekerja di sebuah Pusat Perubatan di Kuching, dikesan positif," katanya.

"Bagaimanapun, seramai 26 kontak rapat yang lain, termasuk ahli keluarga dan rakan sekerja mendapat keputusan negatif," katanya.

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## Nasional

Pemulihhan COVID-19

# Tak wajib pakai pelitup muka di sekolah

Hanya sedia sabun atau cecair pembasmi kuman, lakukan saringan suhu



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**Putrajaya:** Pemakaian pelitup hidung dan mulut tidak diwajibkan bagi mereka yang berada di sekolah.

Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaacob, berkata pengurusan sekolah hanya perlu menyediakan pelitup muka jika ada pelajar atau kakitangan yang menunjukkan gejala, ketika sesi persekolahan.

Selaras dengan Garis Panduan Kementerian Pendidikan (KPM), katanya, sekolah hanya perlu memastikan penyediaan sabun atau cecair pembasmi kuman serta melakukan saringan gejala dan suhu badan.

"Pemakaian pelitup muka tidak diwajibkan dan pihak se-

kolah hanya perlu menyediakan pelitup muka sekiranya ada pelajar atau kakitangan sekolah menunjukkan gejala ketika sesi persekolahan.

"Garis Panduan KPM boleh dimuat turun daripada laman web <https://www.moe.gov.my/en/pemberitahuan/announcement/gp-buka-sekolah> untuk maklumat lanjut," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Sementara itu, Ismail Sabri berkata, hanya seorang daripada 594 rakyat Malaysia yang pulang dari luar negara kelmarin, dibawa ke hospital untuk rawatan, selepas menjalani ujian saringan pengesanan COVID-19.

Beliau berkata, 593 yang lain diarah menjalani proses kuarantin di rumah.

"Semalam (kelmarin), seramai 594 rakyat Malaysia pulang

ke tanah air melalui Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) dan klia2 dari Singapura, Indonesia, Emiriah Arab Bersatu (UAE), Oman, Kemboja dan Jepun.

"Dari 10 Jun sehingga 16 Julai, Kementerian Kesihatan membuat saringan terhadap 19,372 individu di pintu masuk KLIA dan klia2.

"Seramai 19,298 individu didapati negatif COVID-19 dan sedang menjalani proses kuarantin wajib di kediaman masing-masing, manakala 74 individu lagi didapati positif dan dihantar ke hospital untuk rawatan," kata-

Dalam perkembangan berikutnya, Ismail Sabri berkata, seramai 48 individu ditahan

selepas didapati melanggar Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

Beliau berkata, lima daripada mereka ditahan reman, manakala 43 yang lain dikenakan tindakan kompaun.

"Semua 48 individu ditahan kerana terbabit dalam aktiviti dengan membabitkan kehadiran orang ramai yang menyukarkan perjalan sosial.

"Task Force Operasi Pematuhan yang diketuai Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) membuat 62,733 pemeriksaan bagi memantau dan menguatkuasa pematuhan prosedur operasi standard (SOP) Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Pemulihan (PKPP).

"Sebanyak 2,701 Pasukan Pe-

matuhan yang membabitkan seramai 12,284 anggota membuat pemantauan di 3,939 pasar raya; 5,491 restoran serta 1,720 penjaja, 1,123 kilang; 3,579 bank dan 878 pejabat kerajaan," katanya.

Ismail Sabri berkata, sebanyak 1,121 terminal pengangkutan darat, 229 terminal pengangkutan air serta 89 terminal pengangkutan udara turut dipantau oleh Task Force Operasi Pematuhan itu.

Sementara itu, Ismail Sabri berkata, Op Benteng yang dijalankan kelmarin menahan lima warga asing didapati melakukan kesalahan imigresen.

Beliau berkata, PDRM juga mengadakan 66 sekatan jalan raya Op Benteng dan memerlukan 40,151 kenderaan bagi mengawal kemasukan pendatang, terutama melalui lorong tikus.

## Kepemimpinan Dr Noor Hisham diiktiraf dunia

**Putrajaya:** Kepemimpinan Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, bersama pasukannya menangani penularan pandemik COVID-19 sejak mendapat pengiktirafan dunia, selepas beliau menerima Anugerah BrandLaureate - Kecemerlangan Jenama Kepemimpinan 2020.

Kementerian Kesihatan juga mendapat pengiktirafan daripada pertubuhan antarabangsa, Yayasan Jenama Dunia dengan Anugerah BrandLaureate - Sijil Pengiktirafan dan Penghargaan, atas peranannya membanding dan mengekang penyebaran COVID-19, dalam majlis semalam.

Berkongsi mengenainya di Facebook, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, beliau berasa sangat rendah diri untuk menerima anugerah berkenaan yang mencerminkan dedikasi, komitmen, pengorbanan dan ketahanan setiap petugas kesihatan dan pelbagai agensi untuk menyalurkan perkhidmatan penjagaan kesihatan terbaik kepada rakyat dan negara.

Beliau berkata, negara berdepan dengan banyak cabaran dan kekangan menangani pandemik COVID-19, namun bersama-sama mereka berjaya menangani-

masyarakat bekerjasama demi kesihatan awam, seterusnya menjadikan slogan 'setiap sektor adalah sektor kesihatan' satu realiti yang boleh dicontohi pihak lain.

"Terima kasih kepada semua rakyat atas kesabarannya dan kerjasama yang diberikan kepada petugas barisan hadapan dan pihak berkuasa sepanjang temp-

oh sukar ini. Marilah kita terus memastikan negara yang kita cintai ini muncul juara dalam perperangan melawan musuh tiidak kelihatan kita.

"Kita jaga kita, kita jaga keluarga kita, kita jaga komuniti kita, kita jaga negara kita," kataanya dalam hantaran yang dibuat selepas majlis berkenaan.

Kedua-dua anugerah itu di-

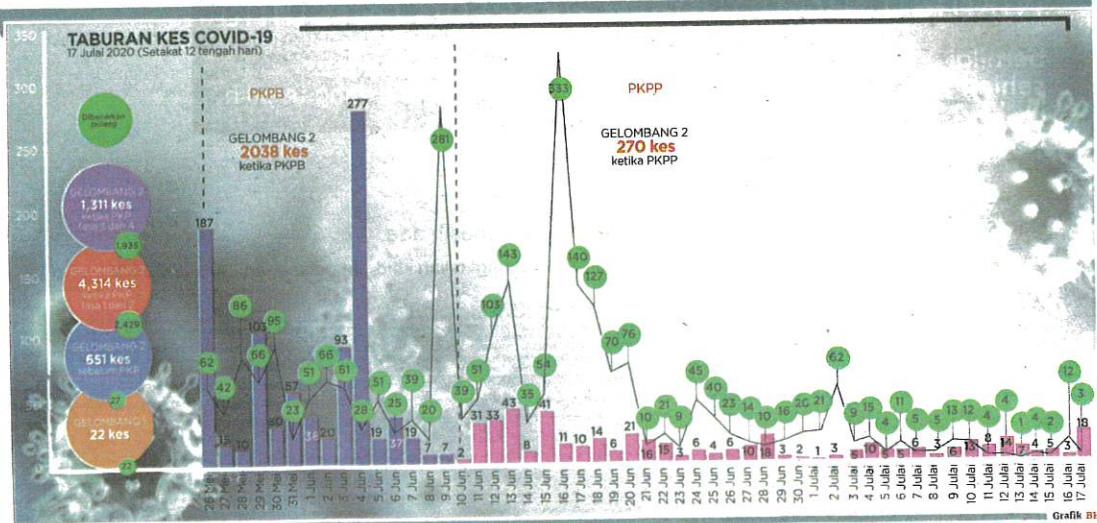
sampaikan oleh Pengurus The BrandLaureate, Tan Sri Rainier Althoff.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, kementerian itu sudah melakukan pelbagai usaha, termasuk menerbit garis panduan, memberikan latihan kepada kakitangan, mengadakan kerjasama dengan kementerian lain serta merancang penggunaan kemudahan bagi

menangani penularan COVID-19.

Menurutnya, walaupun sekurang negara mencatat satu digit kes baru harian tetapi masih ada sebilangan kes kluster yang dikenal pasti.

"Kementerian Kesihatan masih terus menjalankan kerja mengenal pasti, mengesan dan membendung jangkitan COVID-19," katanya.



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## Dr Noor Hisham, KKM terima Anugerah BrandLaureate 2020



Dr Noor Hisham (tengah) menerima Anugerah The BrandLaureate Awards - The World's First e-Branding Awards 2020 daripada Althoff (kanan) pada Majlis Penyampaian Anugerah BrandLaureate di KKM di Putrajaya semalam yang turut disertai Dr K K Johan.

PUTRAJAYA - Kepimpinan cemerlang Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah bersama petugas barisan hadapan menangani penularan pandemik koronavirus (Covid-19) di Malaysia mendapat pengiktirafan dunia apabila beliau menerima Anugerah BrandLaureate - Kecemerlangan Jenama Kepimpinan 2020.

Selain Dr Noor Hisham, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) juga mendapat pengiktirafan Anugerah BrandLaureate, Sijil Pengiktirafan dan Penghargaan sebagai Penyampai Perkhidmatan Penjagaan Kesihatan Cemerlang.

Pada majlis di KKM di sini semalam, Dr Noor Hisham menerima kedua-dua anugerah tersebut yang disampaikan Presiden Yayasan Jenama Dunia, Dr KK Johan dan Pengerusinya, Tan Sri Rainer Althoff.

Sebelum menerima anugerah ter-

sebut, Dr Noor Hisham dalam ucapannya berkata, kedua-dua anugerah itu mencerminkan dedikasi, komitmen, pengorbanan dan ketahanan setiap individu di KKM serta pelbagai agensi untuk memberikan perkhidmatan terbaik kepada rakyat serta negara.

"Kami di sini bukan untuk populariti tetapi yang lebih penting adalah menyelamatkan negara dalam krisis," katanya dalam ucapan terima kasih bagi pihak petugas barisan hadapan atas pengiktirafan tersebut.

Sementara itu, Althoff berkata, Malaysia berjaya meratakan lengkungan graf pandemik Covid-19 yang merupakan hasil usaha gigih pasukan KKM di bawah kepimpinan Dr Noor Hisham.

"Anda dan pasukan anda berhasil. Anda menemukan resipi kejayaan dalam meratakan lengkungan serta menunjukkan amalan terbaik dalam komunikasi," kata Althoff. - Bernama

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# Empat kluster baharu dikesan

Libatkan Kluster Pitakwa, Shirala, Pusat Perubatan Kuching dan Jupiter

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PUTRAJAYA



DR NOOR HISHAM

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mengenal pasti empat kluster baharu jangkitan koronavirus (Covid-19) di negara ini.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdulrah berkata, kluster berkenaan ialah Kluster Pesakit Bawah Pemantauan (PUI) Pitakwa, Kluster PUI Shirala, Kluster Pusat Perubatan Kuching dan Kluster Jupiter.

Menurutnya, Kluster Pitak-

wa bermula apabila kes indeks (kes ke-8,737) yang pulang dari Nigeria pada 11 Julai lalu.

“Saringan di pintu masuk Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) negatif namun mula bergejala teruk selepas tiga hari kemudian.

“Dia kemudiannya dimasukkan ke Hospital Hulu Terengganu selepas disahkan positif Covid-19,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, seramai 44 kontak rapat telah dikenal pasti termasuk ahli keluarga, penumpang dan kru

pesawat, pemandu teksi serta rakan sekerja.

“Daripada jumlah itu, dua kes disahkan positif manakala tiga negatif dan 39 masih menunggu keputusan,” katanya.

Beliau berkata, kes indeks Kluster Shirala merupakan warga asing yang tiba di negara ini pada 6 Julai lalu atas urusan kerja:

“Lima hari selepas ketibaan, dia membuat ujian saringan setelah bergejala dan dimasukkan ke Hospital Sungai Buloh.

“Dua kontak rapat telah dikenal pasti dan seorang daripadanya turut disahkan positif Covid-19,” kata beliau.

Katanya, Kluster Petugas Perubatan Kuching melibatkan kes indeks seorang jururawat yang terdedah kepada pesakit Covid-19 seperti yang dilaporkan sebelum ini.

“Setakat ini, seorang rakan sekerja jururawat tersebut disahkan positif daripada 26 kontak.

tak rapat yang dikenal pasti,” katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Kluster Jupiter bermula apabila kes indeks yang merupakan warga asing bekerja sebagai kru kapal.

“Kapal berkenaan mempunyai sejarah belayar ke Jepun dan Singapura,” katanya.

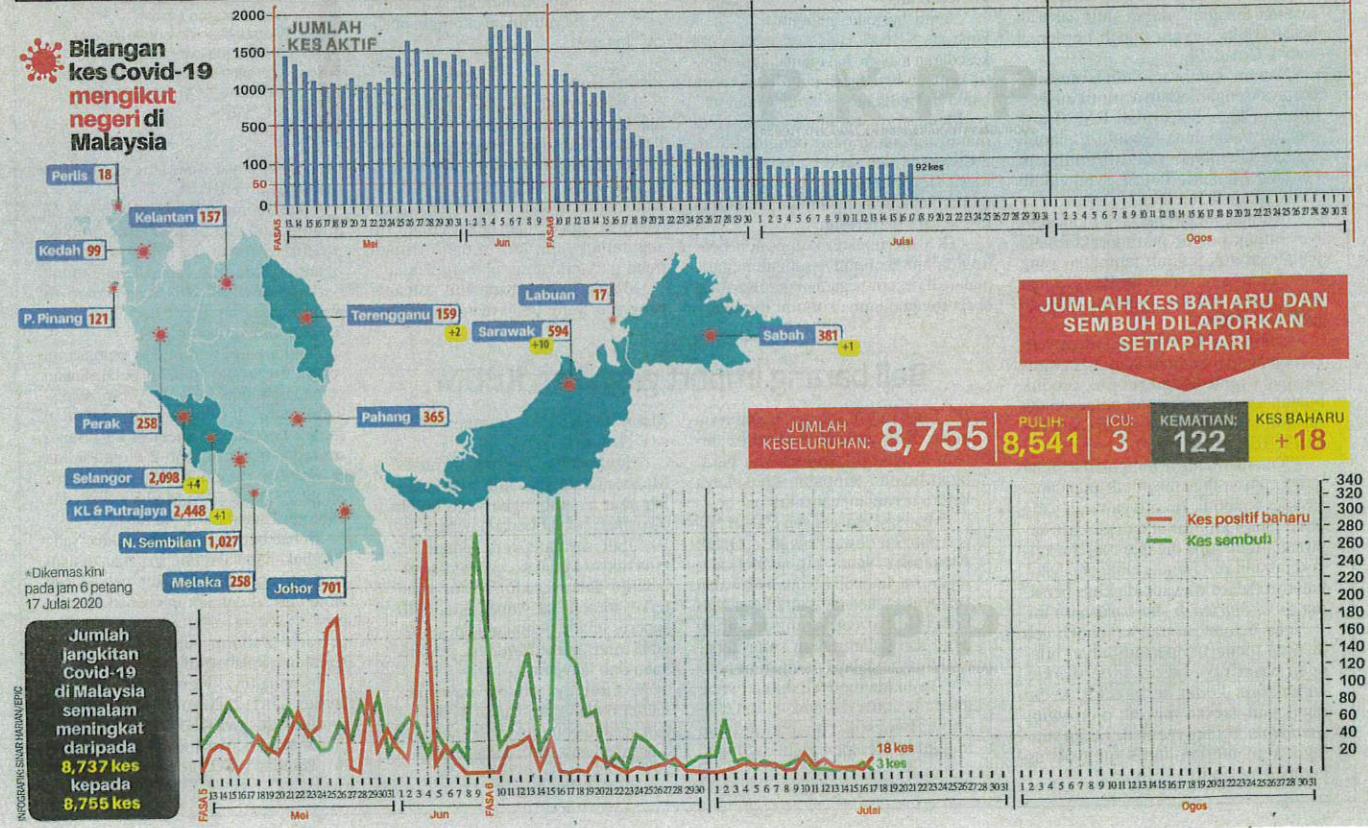
Menurutnya, pesakit tersebut mula bergejala pada 3 Julai lalu dan semakin teruk pada 11 Julai ketika berada di perairan Sarawak.

“Dia dimasukkan ke pusat perubatan dan positif Covid-19 sebelum dipindahkan ke Hospital Bintulu, Sarawak,” katanya.

Susulan itu, katanya, seramai 29 kontak rapat telah dikenal pasti di dalam kapal tersebut di mana kesemuanya adalah merupakan kru kapal.

“Daripada jumlah itu, dua dikesan positif Covid-19 manakala 27 dikesan negatif,” kata beliau.

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



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SCHOOL REOPENING

# MINISTER: FACE MASK NOT A MUST IN SCHOOL

'But schools must prepare masks, provide soap or sanitiser and check body temperature'

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**I**t is not compulsory for students and teachers to wear a mask in school, said Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob yesterday.

He said school administrators, however, need to prepare masks for students, teachers and staff if they show symptoms while in the school compound.

He said as stipulated under the reopening guidelines set by the Education Ministry, schools must provide soap or hand sani-

tiser and check the body temperature and health condition of anyone entering the school compound.

On the level of compliance with Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) standard operating procedures (SOPs), he said police nabbed 48 people over violations on Thursday.

"Five have been remanded and 43 have been compounded."

"They were all involved in activities that make social distancing difficult."

He said the compliance operation task force led by the police conducted 62,733 inspections on Thursday to monitor and enforce RMCO SOPs.

Checks were conducted at 3,939 supermarkets, 5,491 restaurants, 1,720 hawker stalls, 1,23 factories, 3,579 banks and 878 government offices nationwide.



Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob

Also inspected were 1,121 land transport terminals, 229 water transport terminals and 89 air transport terminals.

On border control, Ismail Sabri said police inspected 40,151 vehicles in 66 roadblocks, which were part of Op Benteng nationwide, to prevent illegal immigrants from entering the country, particularly via rat lanes.

He said five foreigners were arrested over immigration offences.

On returnees, he said 594 Malaysians returned from Singapore, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Cambodia and Japan on Thursday.

He said one person was taken to hospital and 593 others were ordered to undergo mandatory home quarantine following screenings at Kuala Lumpur International Airport and klia2.

ly 11 following the presentation of symptoms turned out positive.

"Two close contacts have been identified. One is positive (Case 8,738) and the other is negative."

He said the index case of the Kuching medical centre cluster is a Malaysian frontliner (Case 8,734) who tested positive on Tuesday.

The index case of the Jupiter cluster is a non-Malaysian cruise member who has history of travel to Japan and Singapore. Case 8,723 started showing symptoms on July 3 and his condition deteriorated on July 11 when the cruise was in Sarawak waters.

"He was taken to a medical centre for a Covid-19 test, was confirmed positive and transferred to Bintulu Hospital for treatment."

He said 29 close contacts had been identified, with two testing positive and the rest negative.

He said further screenings and investigation were under way for all four clusters.

Malaysia's daily new Covid-19 cases went back to double digits yesterday, with 18 cases, bringing the total number to 8,755.

Three more patients were discharged and no new death was reported.

SCREENING ONGOING

## 18 new Covid-19 cases, 4 new clusters detected

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia has four new Covid-19 clusters, said Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah yesterday.

They are the Pitakwa patient under investigation (PUI) cluster, Shirlala PUI cluster, Kuching medical centre cluster and Jupiter cluster.

Dr Noor Hisham said the index case of the Pitakwa PUI cluster is a Malaysian (Case 8,737) who returned from Nigeria on July 11.

"Case 8,737 tested negative at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), but was confirmed to be infected with Covid-19 when had a second test three days later after showing symptoms."

"Forty-four close contacts have been identified, including family members, passengers and crew members from the same flight, a taxi driver and co-workers."

"Of the 44 samples, two have been confirmed positive (Case 8,754 and 8,755); three are negative and results for the remaining 39 samples are pending."

The index case of the Shirlala PUI cluster is an expatriate (Case 8,730) who arrived in Malaysia on July 6.

"The result of the Covid-19 test in India and at KLIA came out negative, but a second test on Ju-

BRANDLAUREATE AWARDS

## Health Ministry, Dr Noor Hisham receive awards for Covid-19 work

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The leadership of Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah and his team's hard work in effectively managing the Covid-19 outbreak in the country has been acknowledged by the World Brands Foundation.

The Health Ministry was presented with the BrandLaureate Awards' "Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation" yesterday for its success in flattening the Covid-19 curve.

Dr Noor Hisham was awarded the BrandLaureate "Outstanding brand Leadership Award 2020".

"On behalf of all frontliners and those who work behind the scenes, I wish to convey our deepest gratitude and thanks to the World Brands Foundation for the recognition bestowed upon the Health Ministry."

"Both of these awards reflect the dedication, commitment, sacrifice and resilience of every individual in the ministry and various agencies to provide the best healthcare service for the

rakyat and the nation," he said on his Facebook page yesterday.

The awards were presented to Dr Noor Hisham by BrandLaureate chairman Tan Sri Rainer Althoff at the ministry yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said Malaysia was able to overcome many challenges and obstacles during this unprecedented pandemic by coming together as one.

"Never before have we seen the whole government machinery and society work seamlessly hand in hand for the sake of public health, thus making the tagline 'every sector is a health sector' a reality which others can now emulate."

He thanked the public for the patience and cooperation given to frontliners and the authorities during this challenging period.

"Let us continue to ensure our beloved nation emerges victorious in this war against an invisible enemy."

"Kita jaga kita — we take care of our family, our community and our country."



Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah receiving an award from BrandLaureate chairman Tan Sri Rainer Althoff at the Health Ministry in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF DR NOOR HISHAM ABDULLAH

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# Four new clusters in 24 hours

DG: Cases include foreigners entering M'sia for work-related matters

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**PETALING JAYA:** Four new clusters of Covid-19 have been detected over the past 24 hours, says Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

The Health director-general said the first cluster - Pitakwa cluster - started with a Malaysian returning from Nigeria on July 11.

"This patient tested negative during a screening at KLIA (Kuala Lumpur International Airport). But three days later, he showed severe symptoms and upon another testing, was found to be positive of Covid-19," he said in a statement.

"He was then admitted to the Hulu Terengganu Hospital."

Dr Noor Hisham said 44 close contacts had been identified and screened as well as the cabin crew of the flight and fellow passengers.

Out of this, two have been found positive, three were negative and the results for 39 others are still pending.

The second named Shirala cluster involved a non-Malaysian profes-

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Of the eight local transmissions, six involved Malaysians and two foreigners.

Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

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sional who entered the country on July 6 for work matters and was found to be negative during the first screening at KLIA.

"Five days after entering Malaysia, the foreigner started having symptoms and after undergoing another test, was found to be positive and admitted to Hospital Sungai Buloh.

"Two close contacts have been identified, with one of them testing positive," he said.

The third - Kuching medical cen-

tre cluster - involved a frontliner who went for screening but was asymptomatic.

Dr Noor Hisham said the patient tested positive on July 14 and was admitted to the Sarawak General Hospital.

He said 26 close contacts had been identified and screened but only one tested positive for Covid-19.

The fourth identified as Jupiter cluster involved a non-Malaysian crew of a vessel that had been in Japan and Singapore.

Dr Noor Hisham said the patient started having symptoms on July 3 and became more severe on July 11 while the vessel was in Sarawak waters.

He said a Covid-19 test was done at a medical centre in Sarawak and he was found to be positive and admitted to Bintulu Hospital.

"A total of 29 close contacts have been identified, consisting of the vessel's other crew members.

"Only two were confirmed positive in this imported and isolated cluster," he said, adding that the

local community in Sarawak was not exposed to the vessel's crew members.

Dr Noor Hisham also said 18 new Covid-19 cases were reported yesterday, bringing the total number of infections in the country to 8,755 cases.

He said out of this, 10 cases were imported involving seven Malaysians and three foreigners, while the remaining eight were local transmissions.

"The three non-Malaysians were allowed to enter the country for work-related matters.

"Of the eight local transmissions, six involved Malaysians and two foreigners," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham also said as of yesterday, three patients were in the intensive care unit.

The number of fatalities in the country remains at 122.

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