

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

KKM pantau peningkatan COVID-19

Putrajaya: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) akan memantau peningkatan kes COVID-19, terutama di Kuala Lumpur susulan perhimpunan penyokong Ahli Parlimen Pekan, Datuk Seri Najib Razak di pekarangan Kompleks Mahkamah Jalan Duta, kelmarin.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata pihaknya akan melihat dalam tempoh dua minggu jika ada pertambahan kes dan peningkatan mendadak wabak COVID-19.

Beliau berkata, ia boleh dilihat melalui saringan yang akan dilakukan di hospital KKM atau Klinik Kesihatan.

"Untuk semalam (kelmarin), yang itu kita dah tak boleh buat apa sebab dah berlaku. Sekarang, untuk tindakan, kita tengoh pada masa dua minggu jika ada per-

tambahan kes atau tidak. Kita berdoa tidak ada kes.

"Kalau kes meningkat baru kita akan ambil tindakan. Contohnya, kalau kita lihat ada kes positif barulah kita akan buat pengesanan kes aktif dan pengeasanan kontak rapat dan sebagainya," katanya ketika sesi soal jawab pada program Libat Urus KKM bersama media.

Terdahulu, ketika diajukan soalan berkaitan, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, ada kemungkinan untuk wujud kluster baharu.

Kelmarin, Dr Noor Hisham menerusi laman Twitter beliau, membalsas ciapan BERNAMA @bernamadotcom mengenai satu berita bertajuk 'Ahli Parlimen bimbang wujud kluster baharu', menyatakan perasaan sedihnya dengan apa berlaku.

"Sedih bila melihat keadaan



Dr Noor Hisham pada sesi soal jawab program Libat Urus KKM bersama media, di Putrajaya, semalam.

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begini, tiada kawalan kendiri. Sudah terang lagi bersuluh, setiap hari Kementerian Kesihatan mengingatkan rakyat Malaysia untuk patuh kepada prosedur ope-

rasi standard (SOP) untuk penjarakan selamat sekurang-kurangnya satu meter, memakai pelitup separuh muka dan kerap cuci tangan," katanya.

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

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KHAMIS, 30 JULAI 2020 BH

Nasional*Pemulihian COVID-19*

Seorang murid positif di Sabah

Sampel rakan sekelas, ahli keluarga pesakit sudah diambil

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Kota Kinabalu: Jabatan Kesihatan Sabah mengesahkan satu kes positif COVID-19 dikesan membabitkan seorang murid sekolah rendah di negeri ini, Isnin lalu.

Pengarah Kesihatan Sabah, Datuk Dr Christina Rundi, berkata susulan itu sampel daripada semua rakan sekelas dan ahli keluarga pesakit berkenaan sudah diambil.

"Semua kontak juga sudah diarahkan menjalani perintah kuarantin selama 14 hari."

"Kita menasihati semua ibu bapa supaya sentiasa memantau kesihatan anak masing-masing dan tidak menghantar mereka ke sekolah jika ada sebarang simptom COVID-19," katanya dalam satu

kenyataan, di sini, semalam.

Sebelum ini, tular mesej dalam media sosial mendakwa seorang murid sekolah di Inanam dikesan positif COVID-19.

Di Putrajaya, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, memaklumkan hasil siasatan awal mendapati punca penularan COVID-19 dalam Kluster Sentosa di Sarawak besar kemungkinan berkait dengan aktiviti dalam komuniti.

Katanya, hingga kini, kluster berkenaan sudah menjangkiti 31 individu yang kebanyakannya dalam kalangan petugas kesihatan.

Setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam, beliau berkata, seramai 1,026 individu sudah disaring.

"Saringan itu membabitkan 397 petugas kesihatan dengan 17 disahkan positif, manakala 20 lagi belum mendapat keputusan dan 360 negatif."

"Selain itu, 104 pekerja pembersihan serta pengawal keselamatan disaring dengan empat dikesan positif dan 100 lagi memperoleh keputusan negatif."

"Saringan ke atas 196 pesakit di hospital itu pula mendapati hanya seorang dikesan positif, 176 ne-

gatif dan 19 masih menunggu keputusan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Menjelaskan lanjut, Dr Noor Hisham memaklumkan, hanya dua kes dikesan positif COVID-19 daripada sejumlah 108 individu dalam kalangan ahli keluarga yang disaring.

"Baki 221 individu yang disaring adalah kontak rapat di mana tujuh disahkan positif, 184 negatif dan 30 masih menunggu keputusan," katanya.

Mengenai Kluster Mambong pula, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam, 198 individu sudah disaring membabitkan 188 rakyat Malaysia dan 10 warga asing.

"Daripada jumlah itu, tujuh individu disahkan positif, termasuk dua warga asing," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, 13 kes baharu COVID-19 dilapor membabitkan lapan kes import dan lima jangkitan tempatan, semalam.

Beliau berkata, kes import itu membabitkan jangkitan dari United Kingdom, Filipina, India, Pakistan, Gambia serta Ukraine, manakala jangkitan tempatan pula meliputi tiga rakyat Malaysia dan



Pengawal keselamatan memasang tali perenting di pintu masuk ke Medan Niaga Satok yang ditutup sehari kepada orang ramai bermula semalam untuk mencegah penularan wabak COVID-19.

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Katanya, hanya dua kes sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dengan seorang masih memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Pertambahan jangkitan baharu itu menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes COVID-19 di Malaysia mencapai 8,956 dan jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan ialah 220 kes.

"Hingga jam 12 tengah hari tadi (semalam), lima kes pulih dilaporkan, menjadikan jumlah kumulatifnya 8,612 kes yang bersamaan 96.2 peratus," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO
MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : NEGARA

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Negara!**Covid-19 #kitamestimenang**

Kosmo! KHAMIS 30 JULAI 2020

Malaysia berbincang dengan enam negara zon hijau untuk buka sempadan

SOP rentas negara diperkemas

Oleh NOR IDAYU BOSRO

PUTRAJAYA — Prosedur operasi standard (SOP) pembukaan semula sempadan antarabangsa secara bersyarat bagi negaranegara zon hijau sedang diperkenankan bagi membolehkannya diterima pakai oleh kedua-dua pihak.

Enam negara yang dikenal pasti untuk tujuan berkenaan ialah Singapura, Australia, Brunei, New Zealand, Jepun dan Korea Selatan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, perbincangan itu juga bagi memperhalus tindakan-tindakan untuk mengawal serta menguruskan risiko yang akan



NOOR HISHAM

timbul berikutnya pembukaan semula pintu sempadan.

"Dalam perbincangan dua hala ini, kita sedang teliti SOP yang boleh diguna pakai kedua-dua negara dan jika dipersetujui,

kita lihat juga bagaimana dari segi kawalan penyakit.

"Kita perlu lihat bagaimana untuk mengawal risiko, macam mana kita boleh menguruskan risiko tersebut bagi mengelakkan penularan jangkitan Covid-19," katanya pada sesi libat urus media dalam menangani pandemik Covid-19 di sini semalam.

Noor Hisham berkata, perbincangan pembukaan semula rentas sempadan antarabangsa itu turut mengambil kira kesediaan negara terbitit untuk membuka pintu mereka kepada masyarakat luar.

"Bagi negara jiran termasuk Singapura dan Brunei, kita kini dalam peringkat akhir sebelum memuktamadkan pelaksanaan

SOP berkenaan.

"Kita dapat ramai rakyat Malaysia yang bekerja di Singapura dan ramai rakyat negara itu yang datang ke Johor Bahru, jadi SOP masih diteliti tetapi masih belum dilaksanakan lagi," katanya.

Ujarnya, pihaknya juga ada berbincang dengan Australia dan New Zealand, namun New Zealand belum bersedia untuk membuka pintu sempadannya lagi.

Sementara itu, Noor Hisham berkata, antara SOP yang sedang diteliti termasuklah menjalani ujian saringan Covid-19 dan kuarantin 14 hari di rumah sebelum meninggalkan negara.

"Jika negatif, barulah mereka dibenarkan ke luar negara," katanya.



Angka Terkini Kes Covid-19 Di Malaysia sehingga semalam

	Jumlah
• Kes baharu	13
• Import: 8 Tempatan: 5	
• Pulih	5
• Kematiian	0
• Masih dirawat	220
• Jumlah kes sembah	8,612
• Jumlah Kematiian	124
Jumlah kes keseluruhan	8,956



PENYOKONG bekas Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak berhimpun di Kompleks Mahkamah Kuala Lumpur, kelmarin.

Dua minggu jika ada Kluster Mahkamah

PUTRAJAYA — Kementerian Kesihatan ada tempoh dua minggu dari sekarang untuk melihat jika ada pertambahan kes jangkitan Covid-19 berikutnya perhimpunan solidariti penyokong bekas Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak di Kompleks Mahkamah Kuala Lumpur (KMKL), kelmarin.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan,

Datuk Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, pihaknya akan segera membuat pengesanan kontak sekiranya ada kes positif melibatkan perhimpunan itu direkodkan.

"Apa yang sudah berlaku semalam (kelmarin), kita tidak boleh buat apa, sebab dah berlaku, tetapi kita doa tiada peningkatan kes."

"Buat masa ini, kita kena tengok dalam tempoh dua minggu sama ada berlaku pertambahan kes atau tidak," katanya pada sesi libat urus bersama media dalam menangani pandemik Covid-19 di sini semalam.

Noor Hisham berkata, pihaknya berharap tiada jangkitan atau penularan Covid-19 secara besar-besaran berlaku susulan

perhimpunan tersebut.

"Setakat ini tiada lagi kes positif dilaporkan dan kita berharap tiada jangkitan berlaku," tambahnya.

Kosmo! semalam melaporkan tindakan kira-kira 2,000 penyokong bekas Najib yang bersesak di pekarangan KMKL dibimbangi mencetuskan 'Klusster Mahkamah'.

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AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 11

RUANGAN : LOKAL

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Negatif hari ke-13 baru boleh terbang'

Putrajaya: Kuarantin 14 hari sebelum ke negara dalam gelembung perjalanan (*travel bubble*) antara cadangan yang dilihat dalam perbincangan dengan negara asing temasuk Australia dan New Zealand.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, melalui cadangan itu jika dipersempit dan dilaksanakan, ia bermakna mana-mana rakyat dalam gelembung perjalanan boleh menjalani kuarantin kendiri di rumah selama 14 hari serta ujian saringan calitan Covid-19 sebelum memulakan perjalanan lagi.

"Kalau saya nak ke New Zealand, saya kuarantin, hari pertama saya buat ujian calitan dan hari ke-13 saya buat ujian calitan."

"Jika ujian calitan dan hari ke-13 negatif, saya sudah boleh terbang ke sana. Tidak perlu lagi menjalani kuarantin di negara itu. Te-

tapi, perkara ini perlukan kerjasama dengan negara terbabit," katanya ketika seisi soal jawab pada program Libat Urus KKM bersama media, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sempadan negara belum boleh dibuka ketika ini, namun perbincangan mengenainya boleh dilaksanakan ketika ini.

Beliau berkata, ketika ini, perbincangan sudah dimulakan dengan Australia dan New Zealand namun kedua-dua negara itu belum bersedia lagi.

Katanya, perbincangan antara kedua-dua negara boleh menyentuh berkaitan apa yang patut dilaksanakan atau sebaliknya dan bagaimana ia boleh diperkenalkan termasuk isu pematuhan prosedur operasi standard (SOP).

"Gelembung perjalanan ini memang kita sudah adakan perbincangan dengan Singapura," katanya.

Murid disah positif

Kota Kinabalu: Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sabah (JKNS) mengesahkan terdapat satu kes positif Covid-19 membabitkan seorang murid sekolah rendah di negeri ini, Isnin lalu.

Pengarah Kesihatan Sabah, Datuk Dr Christina Rundi berkata, sampel daripada semua rakan sekelas mahupun ahli keluarga pesakit sudah diambil.

"Semua kontak juga kini sudah diarahkan menjalani perintah kuarantin selama 14 hari."

"Kita menasihatkan semua ibu bapa agar sentiasa memantau kesihatan anak masing-masing dan tidak

menghantar mereka ke sekolah sekiranya ada sebarang simptom menunjukkan Covid-19," katanya dalam kenyataan media di sini, semalam.

Terdahulu Dr Christina memaklumkan Sabah merakodkan tiga kes baharu positif Covid-19 kelmarin iaitu masing-masing satres di Lahad Datu, Papar dan Penampang.

Katanya, kes terbaharu itu menjadikan jumlah sebanyak 392 kes Covid-19 di negeri itu.

Katanya, kes ke-390 dan 391 dikategorikan sebagai jangkitan tempatan manakala kes ke-392 kes import.

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Jitra

Pelanggan restoran nasi kandar di Napoh di sini, yang menjamu selera di premis berkenaan selama 13 hingga 24 Julai lalu diminta segera menjalani pemeriksaan saringan Covid-19 di klinik kesihatan daerah atau klinik kesihatan berdekatannya.

Tinjauan di lokasi premis berkenaan semalam mendapati restoran itu ditutup sepenuhnya dan dipantau anggota polis, malah orang ramai tidak dibenarkan menghampiri kawasan berkenaan.

Tinjauan di lokasi premis berkenaan semalam mendapati restoran itu ditutup sepenuhnya dan dipantau anggota polis, malah orang ramai tidak dibenarkan menghampiri kawasan berkenaan.

Notis arahan penutupan premis yang dikeluarkan Kementerian Kesihatan dilihat turut ditampal di hadapan premis berkenaan.

Ketua Polis Daerah Kubang Pasu, Superintendent Mohd Ismail Ibrahim berkata, premis itu diarahkan tutup serta-merta sejurus pemiliknya yang positif Covid-19 ditahan minggu lalu.

Katanya, pihaknya percaya ramai pelanggan mengunjungi premis itu antara tempoh 13 hingga 24 Julai lalu.

"Kita minta mereka yang makan dan menjadi kontak rapat kepada pengusaha dan pekerja kedai segera ke jabat kesihatan daerah atau klinik kesihatan berdekatannya untuk menjalani ujian saringan. Kita bimbang jika langkah ini tidak diambil segera, berkemungkinan ramai lagi dijangkiti Covid-19."

"Orang ramai diminta tidak panik dan mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) ditetapkan dan memakai pelitup muka serta menggunakan cecair pembasmi kuman selain melakukan pemeriksaan sekira-

nya bergejala," katanya ketika ditemui di sini, semalam.

Pada 23 Julai lalu, polis menahan pelaku berusia 57 tahun yang juga pemilik restoran nasi kandar kerana ingkar arahan kuarantin di rumah selepas dia pulang dari India pada 13 Julai lalu sebelum mengenakan kompoun RM1,000 kepadanya atas kesalahan itu.

Sementara itu, penduduk Napoh, Dr Khairuddin Md Isa berkata, seramai 20 penduduk di kawasan sekitar pekan ini sudah melakukan pemeriksaan saringan di Klinik Kesihatan Napoh.

Beliau yang juga pensyarah di Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) berkata, penduduk mula bimbang wabak Covid-19 akan menular di kawasan itu, walaupun kebanyakan mereka tidak pernah makan di kedai nasi kandar berkenaan.

"Kebanyakan yang singgal makam di kedai itu adalah pemandu lori yang datang dari Bukit Kayu Hitam menuju ke selatan, apa yang membimbangkan mereka tidak melakukan ujian sa-

ringan dan membawa virus ini ke tempat lain pula," katanya.

Seorang lagi penduduk mahu dikenali sebagai Ayu, 35, yang tinggal bersebelahan kedai nasi kandar itu berkata, dia tidak membekalkan dua anaknya berusia lapan dan 11 tahun ke sekolah sejak minggu lalu kerana bimbang persepsi masyarakat terhadap mereka.

Katanya, pasukan pemantau Covid-19 ada menghubunginya untuk melakukan pemeriksaan, namun dia memaklumkan tidak pernah mengunjungi kedai makan itu.

"Pada 13 Julai lalu, saya ada nampak pengusaha nasi kandar itu di bahagian dapur kedai dan mengesyaki sesuatu apabila melihatnya memakai gelang merah jambu."

"Tidak lama kemudian anggota polis dan tentera datang ke kedai makan itu sebelum kami mengetahui lelaki itu ingkar kuarantin menyebabkan kami sekeluarga takut keluar rumah sehingga sekarang," katanya.

13 kes baharu Covid-19 direkodkan semalam

Kuala Lumpur: Kes baharu Covid-19 dalam negara merakodkan 13 kes semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes keseluruhan penuhar wabak itu sebanyak 8,956 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, lapan kes membatik kes import yang mendapat jangkitan di luar negara masing-masing membatik empat warga Malaysia dan bukan warga negara yang dibenarkan masuk ke Malaysia.

"Lapan kes import itu adalah masing-masing dua

dari United Kingdom dan India manakala satu dari Filipina, Pakistan, Gambia serta Ukraine.

"Kes penularan Covid-19 dalam negara dalam kalangan warganegara Malaysia pula adalah satu kes di Sarawak (Kluster Mambong) dan Perlis (1 kes saringan Pati) sebelum dipindahkan ke Depoh Tahanan Imigresen Kangar," katanya dalam satu kenyataan media perkembangan Covid-19 semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, daripada keseluruhan

kota Kinabalu).

"Bagi kes jangkitan dalam negara dalam kalangan bukan warganegara pula adalah satu kes di Sarawak (Kluster Mambong) dan Perlis (1 kes saringan Pati)

sebelum dipindahkan ke Depoh Tahanan Imigresen Kangar," katanya dalam satu kenyataan media perkembangan Covid-19 semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, daripada keseluruhan

Satu kes dilapor di Johor membabitkan saringan di tempat kerja

han jumlah kumulatif Covid-19 di Malaysia, kes aktif dan kebolehjangkitan sebaiknya 220 kes.

"Sehingga kini, hanya dua kes positif Covid-19 yang sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dan satu daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

"Tiada pertambahan kes kematian berkaitan Covid-19 dilaporkan hari ini (semalam), justeru jumlah kumulatif kes kematian dalam negara kekal kekal 124 kes (1.38 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes)," katanya.

7 dari luar negara dirawat di hospital

Kuala Lumpur: Tujuh rakyat Malaysia yang pulang dari luar negara sejak 24 Julai hingga kelmarin diantaranya ke hospital untuk rawatan berkaitan Covid-19.

Menenti Kanan (Kluster Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, mereka antara 2,174 rakyat Malaysia yang pulang ke tanah air melalui pintu masuk sempadan antarabangsa.

"Mereka dari 22 negara

iaitu Filipina, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapura, Vietnam, Brunei, Qatar, Pakistan, Arab Saudi, Hong Kong, India, UAE, Jepun, Turki, Korea Selatan, Iran, Bangladesh, Taiwan, China, UK, Belanda dan Australia.

"Selain tujuh diantaranya ke hospital, baki yang lain di-tempatkan di 13 stesen kuarantin di Kuala Lumpur, Negeri Sembilan, Pulau Pinang, Kelantan, Sarawak dan Johor," katanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 12

RUANGAN : LOKAL

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Kawasan sekolah kekal selamat

Putrajaya: Institusi persekutuan masih dilihat sebagai kawasan selamat daripada penularan wabak Covid-19 ketika ini.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor His ham Abdullah berkata, walaupun sekolah dianggap sebagai satu risiko, namun ia risiko yang boleh diuruskan.

Katanya, jika pihaknya mengesan kes jangkitan dalam kawasan sekolah, institusi terabit boleh diambil tindakan tutup.

"Dari tarikh 10 Jun lalu, tiada kes (jangkitan Covid-19) dikesan di sekolah. Sekolah masih kawasan selamat.

"Apa yang perlu dilakukan ialah memastikan semua menjaga prosedur operasi standard (SOP) dan juga cara berinteraksi di sekolah.

"Ibu sekarang ini ialah (jangkitan) di luar sekolah. Contohnya, selepas sekolah ramai berkumpul untuk balik," katanya ketika sesi soal jawab pada program Libat Uru KKM bersama media, semalam.

Justeru, Dr Noor His ham berkata, pihaknya berbincang dengan Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (KPM) bagi mengelakkan kesesakan di luar sekolah terutamanya selepas tamat sesi pembelajaran.

"Mungkin boleh lepaskan (murid pulang) secara berperingkat, jadi kita boleh kurangkan risiko," katanya.

Pada masa sama, Dr Noor His ham berkata, pihaknya dalam perbincangan untuk memasukkan aspek kesihatan awam dalam silibus pembelajaran.



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**Mungkin boleh
lepaskan (murid
pulang) secara
berperingkat**
Dr Noor His ham

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 14

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI COVID-19

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MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

13 kes baharu direkod

Jumlah kumulatif kes positif Covid-19 sebanyak 8,956 kes

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Sejumlah 13 kes baharu dilaporkan semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes positif Covid-19 di Malaysia kini sebanyak 8,956 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, daripada 13 kes baharu itu, lapan kes adalah kes import yang mendapat jangkitan di luar negara melibatkan empat rakyat Malaysia dan empat bukan warganegara yang dibenarkan masuk ke Malaysia.

Beliau menjelaskan, kes import itu dari United Kingdom (dua kes di Kuala Lumpur), India (dua kes di Kuala Lumpur), Fi-

lipina (satu kes di Kuala Lumpur), Pakistan (satu kes di Kuala Lumpur), Gambia dan Ukraine masing-masing satu kes di Selangor.

"Oleh itu, jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 adalah 220 kes. Mereka telah diasingkan dan diberi rawatan," katanya dalam kenyataan semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, daripada lima kes penularan dalam negara, ia melibatkan tiga kes dalam kalangan warganegara iaitu di Johor yang berkaitan satu kes saringan di tempat kerja, di Sarawak (satu kes Kluster Sentosa) dan Sabah (satu kes saringan bergejala di Hotel Queen Elizabeth).

Dua kes dalam kalangan bukan warganegara melibatkan satu kes Kluster Mambong di Sar-

wak dan satu kes saringan pendatang asing tanpa izin di Perlis.

Mengenai status terkini Kluster Mambong dan Kluster Sentosa di Sarawak, beliau memaklumkan, setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam, 198 orang disarang dalam kluster Mambong melibatkan 188 warganegara dan 10 bukan warganegara.

"Daripada jumlah itu, tujuh dikesan positif Covid-19 dengan dua kes terdiri daripada bukan warganegara dan sehingga kini 191 didapati negatif," menurutnya.

Bagi Kluster Sentosa, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, seramai 1,026 orang telah disarang dengan 31 dikesan positif Covid-19, 888 negatif dan 107 masih menunggu keputusan," katanya. - Bernama



DR NOOR HISHAM

Sekolah kawasan selamat

PUTRAJAYA - Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mengisyartikarkan sekolah sebagai kawasan selamat daripada wabak koronavirus (Covid-19) walaupun terdapat jangkitan Covid-19 direkodkan membabitkan murid sekolah di Sabah.

Bagaimanapun, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, tiada jaminan keselamatan di luar kawasan sekolah.

"Sekolah masih kawasan selamat. Isunya sekarang di luar sekolah," katanya pada sesi libat urus KKM bersama media di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, pihaknya telah mengadakan perbincangan dengan Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (KPM) bagi mengelakkan kesesakan di luar sekolah terutamanya selepas tamat sesi pembelajaran.

"Mungkin boleh lepaskan (murid pulang) secara berperingkat, jadi kita boleh kurangkan risiko," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau ber-

kata, hampir semua individu telah menjalani ujian saringan Covid-19 sejak Januari lalu.

"Setakat ini KKM telah melakukan 949,141 saringan. Daripada jumlah itu, 8,943 disahkan positif Covid-19," katanya.

Menurutnya, hampir separuh kes positif Covid-19 dikesan dalam kalangan individu dalam siasatan (PUI) dan mereka yang mempunyai kontak rapat.

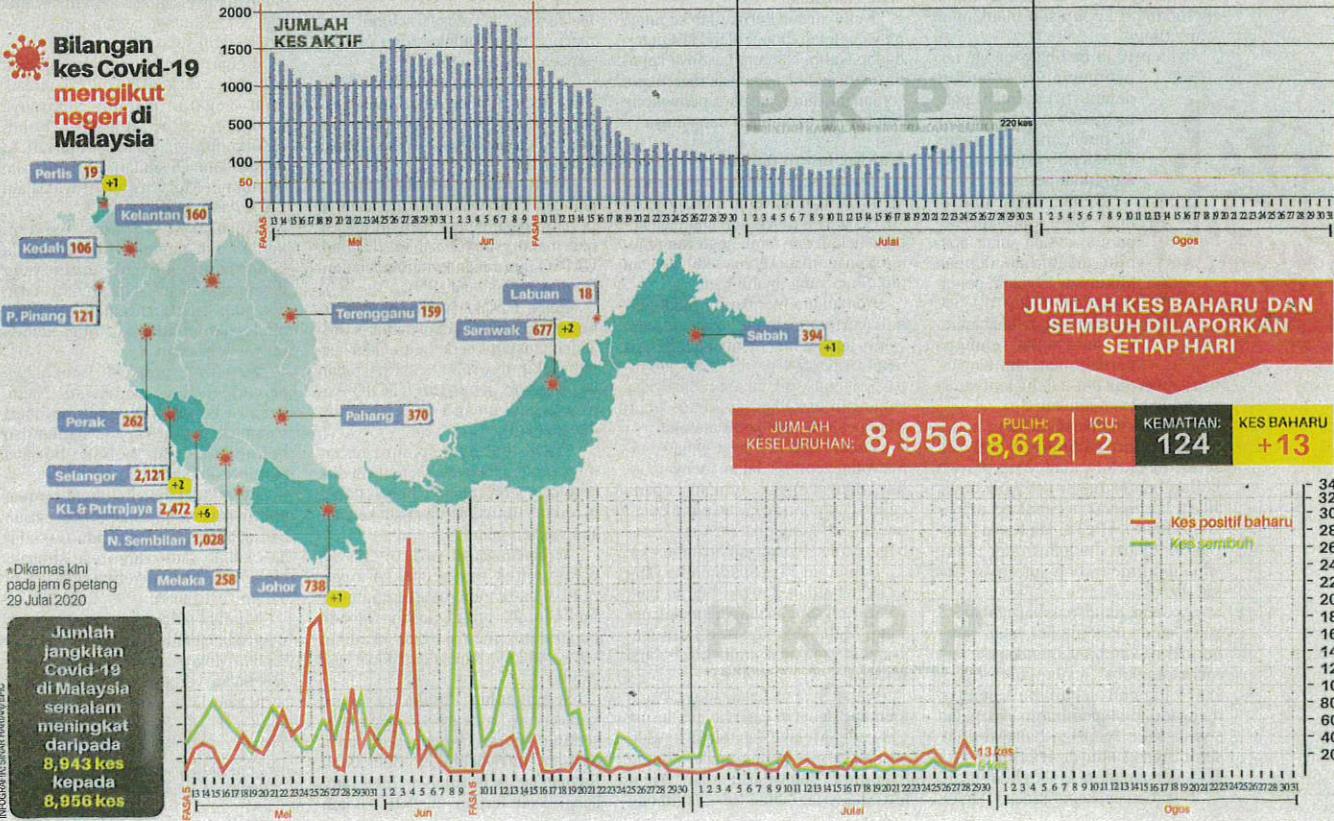
"Sebanyak 4,559 kes positif dikesan daripada PUI manakala 3,375 kes terdiri daripada Kluster Perhimpunan Sri Petaling," katanya.

Beliau berkata, KKM menganjurkan 258 kes positif hasil daripada aktiviti pengesanan aktif.

"Sehingga kini KKM turut merekodkan 751 kes import yang mendapat jangkitan di luar negara," katanya.

Wabak yang bermula di Wuhan, China pada Disember tahun lalu telah menjangkiti 16.49 juta individu seluruh dunia.

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AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN**MUKA SURAT : 18****RUANGAN : NASIONAL**

Komik *Pergi Covid-19!* dilancar

PUTRAJAYA - Kumpulan Karangkraf menerusi anak syarikatnya, Grup Buku Karangkraf menyerahkan komik *Pergi Covid-19!* kepada Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah sebagai simbolik mini pelancaran komik tersebut.

Penyerahan dibuat oleh Timbalan Pengurus Kumpulan Karangkraf, Datuk Muhammad Nasir Hamzah selepas sesi libat urus Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) bersama media di sini semalam.

Turut hadir, Ketua Pegawai Operasi Grup Buku Karangkraf, Firdaus Husamuddin dan penulis komik tersebut, Mohd Khairul Azman Ismail.

Ketika ditemui, Mohd Khairul, 44, berkata, komik tersebut berkisar kepada situasi negara ketika pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) akibat pandemik Covid-19.

"Watak utama adalah Afiq yang berusia sembilan tahun yang mempersoalkan keadaan yang mana terpaksa berkurung di rumah, tidak boleh sekolah dan ditambah pula ibunya bekerja sebagai jururawat yang menjalankan tugas berkaitan Covid-19," katanya.

Menurutnya, idea untuk menghasilkan komik itu terciptu ketika PKP.

"Saya hubungi Kumpulan Karangkraf untuk menghantar kertas cadangan dan ia diluluskan," katanya.

Mohd Khairul yang merupakan seorang guru berkata, banyak pengajaran dan pendidikan diterapkan dalam komik yang mempunyai 32 muka surat itu.

"Mereka yang bermingat boleh mendapatkannya di Karangkraf Mall dengan harga RM16.

"Setiap RM1 daripada belian komik tersebut akan dimasukkan ke dalam tabung barisan hadapan," katanya.

FOTO: ASRIL ASWANDI SHUKOR



Dr Noor Hisham menerima komik *Pergi Covid-19!* daripada Muhammad Nasir (dua dari kiri) pada majlis mini pelancaran di Dewan Serbaguna, Aras 8, KKM, Putrajaya semalam.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 10

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'MANDATORY'

'MINISTRY MULLS EMULATING AUSSIE RULE ON FACE MASKS'

People may have to wear face masks the moment they leave their homes, says Health D-G

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THE Health Ministry is considering emulating regulations implemented in Melbourne, Australia, which make it mandatory for people to wear face masks the moment they leave their homes.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the ministry would press ahead with the move once the public, especially those in the low-income group, had access to face masks as recommended by the World Health Organisation.

He said the ministry had dedicated a month to study the implementation and to ensure everyone had access to face masks.

"Once this happens, we will certainly proceed," he said at a media engagement session at the ministry here yesterday.

Melbourne has made it mandatory since July 22 for everyone to wear a mask or face covering the moment they step outside their homes.

Dr Noor Hisham said the government's directive for everyone to wear face masks on Aug 1 applied to those who used public transport and in crowded places, where it was difficult to practise social distancing.

If you are walking alone in a car park, then it is not compulsory to wear a face mask."

Dr Noor Hisham said the ministry would monitor the Covid-19 situation in the next two weeks following a mass gathering outside the Kuala Lumpur Courts Complex on Tuesday. Thousands of people had gathered to show their support for former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, effectively ignoring social distancing rules.

"There's nothing much we can do now about the incident since it has already happened. Our next



Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah speaking at a media engagement session in Putrajaya yesterday. With him is moderator and Health Ministry's deputy director of Medical Development Division Dr Hirman Ismail. PIC BY LUQMAN HAKIM ZUBIR

course of action is to monitor if there is an increase in (new) cases in the next two weeks.

"I pray and hope that there will be no increase (in cases). However, if a positive case is reported, the ministry will immediately initiate active case detection and close contact tracing.

He reiterated his disappointment over the incident.

"I do not want to interfere with politics. After the sweat and tears by medical frontliners to prevent the escalation of the outbreak for the past seven months, I am disappointed and saddened over people flouting the standard operating procedure (SOPs).

"We may face a problem in the event there is transmission within the community and that it could not be controlled due to our failure to comply with the SOPs.

"We may return to the Movement Control Order or the Conditional MCO."

On another matter, Dr Noor Hisham said the ministry was looking at implementing a staggered release of students returning home from schools to fine-tune and improve the SOP on the reopening of schools.

This, he said, followed concerns over congestion outside the school compounds at the end of the schooling sessions every day.

"We are considering allowing students to return home in stages instead of allowing all of them to leave school at one go. Perhaps we can resolve issues related to congestion."

He said the ministry, together with the Education Ministry, would continue to improve and fine-tune the SOPs related to the reopening of schools although no Covid-19 cases had been detected in schools.

Meanwhile, discussions on the prospect of a travel bubble between Malaysia, New Zealand

and Australia have raised the possibility of travellers undergoing a 14-day home quarantine ahead of their travel dates.

Dr Noor Hisham said although Malaysian borders were still closed, the ministry had initiated discussions with the Australian and New Zealand authorities to study the guidelines and SOPs for a travel bubble.

"Travellers must also undergo Covid-19 swab testing and test negative for the virus on the first and 13th day (of the home quarantine) before they are allowed to leave their country. This way, they do not have to undergo quarantine at their destination."

"Having said that, this matter needs approval from all parties before it can be implemented."

"Discussions have been initiated with Australia and New Zealand but the two countries are not prepared yet (to form a travel bubble with Malaysia)."

1,026 PEOPLE SCREENED

Sarawak's Sentosa Cluster records 31 Covid-19 cases

KUALA LUMPUR: The Sentosa Cluster in Sarawak recorded 31 Covid-19 cases when another person tested positive during screening yesterday.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said out of the 1,026 people screened, 888 tested negative, while 107 were awaiting test results.

He said the screening involved health workers, family members, workers of a cleaning company, security guards, patients and other close contacts.

"Out of the 397 health workers

screened, 17 tested positive, 360 tested negative while 20 are awaiting test results.

"Out of the 104 workers of the cleaning company and security guards screened, four tested positive."

He said the Sentosa Cluster involved cases up to the second generation and that the cause of the infection was being investigated.

Meanwhile, the country continues to record new Covid-19 cases in the double-digit with 13 reported yesterday, bringing the

cumulative number of positive cases to 8,956.

There are 220 active cases, who have been isolated and are being given treatment.

Dr Noor Hisham said eight new cases were imported while five were from local transmissions.

He said the imported cases involved four Malaysians and four non-Malaysians who were allowed to enter the country, while the five local transmissions involved three Malaysians and two non-Malaysians.

Dr Noor Hisham said the eight

imported cases were from the United Kingdom (two), India (two) and one each from the Philippines, Pakistan, Gambia and Ukraine.

"As for the local transmissions among Malaysians, one case was detected during screening at a workplace (sign-off ship) in Johor, one is from the Sentosa Cluster in Sarawak and one was detected during a symptomatic screening at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kota Kinabalu."

"As for the two local transmission cases involving non-

Malaysians, one is from the Mampong Cluster in Sarawak and one was detected during the screening of illegal immigrants in Perlis."

"Only two patients are being treated in the Intensive Care Unit with one on breathing support."

Dr Noor Hisham said there were five recovered patients yesterday, bringing the total number of recovered cases to 8,612.

"No deaths were reported today (yesterday) and the number of fatalities stands at 124 cases (1.38 per cent of the total cases)."

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 12

RUANGAN : NEWS/NATION

CASE 389

Pupil among 4 Sabah Covid-19 cases

KOTA KINABALU: A primary school pupil was among four people who were confirmed to have contracted Covid-19 in Sabah on Monday.

State Health Department director Datuk Dr Christina Rundi said the pupil, who is Case 389, was being treated at Likas Women and Children's Hospital.

Dr Christina said the pupil's close contacts had been identified to undergo testing.

"Samples were taken from the household and classroom. All contacts have been ordered to undergo quarantine.

"The Health Department has urged parents not to send their children to school if they are not feeling well. Instead they should

bring them to a clinic for treatment."

Dr Christina said parents must ensure that their children practised the new normal in schools such as adhering to social distancing rules, avoiding crowded places, using face masks and washing their hands regularly.

On Monday, a message went viral that a primary school pupil in Inanam had tested positive for Covid-19 while seeking treatment at a health clinic.

Dr Christina said there were

three locally transmitted cases, including the pupil, while one was imported.

The four cases comprised two each from Kota Kinabalu and Penampang.

Yesterday, Sabah recorded three new Covid-19 cases, bringing the total tally in the state to 392. The cases were detected in Lahad Datu, Papar and Penampang.

Of the 392 cases, 11 were active while 374 patients have recovered.

Sabah has recorded seven fatalities.



Datuk Dr Christina Rundi

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Pre-travel quarantine among proposals being mulled

PUTRAJAYA: Getting people intending to travel to undergo a 14-day quarantine before their trip is among the standard operating procedure (SOP) being looked into when overseas travel is allowed.

Aside from quarantine, there were suggestions that swab tests for Covid-19 be conducted on those travelling to green zone countries, said Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham.

However, he pointed out that while discussions on this, including with New Zealand and Australia, were ongoing, borders would not be opened just yet.

"We are discussing the SOP but we are not allowing travel for now," he said during a media engagement yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said under the proposed SOP, the person planning to travel should get tested.

"The person will then undergo home quarantine and on the 13th day, will be tested again."

"If the result is negative, then the person will be allowed to travel and need not be quarantined upon arrival at the destination," he said.

On the issue of a vaccine for Covid-19, he said before health authorities could recommend its usage in Malaysia, several considerations needed to be made, including effectiveness and side effects on humans.

"Also, we need to determine if the vaccine is for all the three strains and 21 mutations of the Covid-19 virus or for just one particular strain, which may not be effective for Malaysia," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham also emphasised the importance of adhering to SOP among Malaysians to avoid the emergence of a third wave of Covid-19 which he described as dangerous.

"We must not be complacent, especially in practising social distancing," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham pointed out that practising social distancing would reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection by 65% while putting on a face mask would reduce the probability by 60%.

Mask up once out of home

DG: It may be compulsory soon for everyone to wear face masks

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PUTRAJAYA: It may be compulsory for the public to wear face masks when they leave their homes.

The authorities have already announced that face masks will be compulsory at public and crowded areas from Aug 1.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham said the eventual plan was to get everyone to put on face masks once they stepped out of their homes.

"But masks must be made available to the needy first. Everyone must have access to a face mask," he said at an engagement session with the media yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham, however, did not specify the kind of crowded public places where the use of face masks would be mandatory.

This ruling has been implemented for public transportation and flights.

"If you are walking alone, there is no need to wear a face mask. If you are in public area and the place is crowded and social distancing cannot be done, the use of a face mask is mandatory," said Dr Hisham.

The authorities are also looking at how to prevent overcrowding when students leave classes to take



Chronicling a pandemic: Noor Hisham displaying a copy of Malaysia's Covid-19 report book during a media engagement session in Putrajaya. — MOHD SAHAR MISNI/The Star

their transport home.

"During this time, students will crowd together, and we should avoid this. We are looking at whether students can be released in stages to avoid overcrowding," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham noted there had been no incident of Covid-19 cases in schools since they reopened.

"With standard operating proce-

dures in place, schools are a safe place. If there are risks, we will manage it by closing the affected school," he added.

Meanwhile, Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Mazlan Mansor said those who still refused to wear face masks come Aug 1 would be severely dealt with.

He said compliance task forces

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would be out daily to ensure everyone followed the SOP.

"They will be our making sure everyone wears face masks, especially when going into crowded places.

"We should not take this issue lightly. We are still under the recovery movement control order (MCO)," he told reporters after launching the Sentul police headquarters yesterday.

He urged Malaysians to not let the last four months of hard work go to waste.

"I am aware that certain people are flouting the MCO. Just recently in Petaling Jaya, 310 individuals were issued compounds for not practicing social distancing in an entertainment outlet," he said.

Sentosa cluster started from communal activities'

PETALING JAYA: The Health Ministry's preliminary investigations into Sarawak's Sentosa cluster showed it was highly likely the infection started from "activities in the community".

As of noon yesterday, a total of 1,026 people had been screened and the cluster involved cases up to the second generation, Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said, adding that 31 tested positive for Covid-19 while 888 were negative, and results for 107 others were pending.

Of the 1,026 screened, 17 medical staff and one patient tested positive.

Four other infections came from security guards and staff of a cleaning company.

The Sarawak General Hospital laboratory has the capacity to carry out 1,000 tests daily.

"An additional 100 from the Sarawak Heart Institute, 500 from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and 150 from the Borneo Medical Centre can be obtained if needed," he said.

On current statistics, the country has recorded 13 new Covid-19 cases, with five recoveries. Eight of the 13 cases were imported.

Of the five new local infections, two were from Sarawak – one each from the Sentosa and Mambong clusters.

Sarawak will delay the reopening of schools in Kuching and its neighbouring Padawan and Samarahan districts by another two weeks to mid-August.

This comes after Kuching turned into a Covid-19 red zone again with 52 local transmissions reported in the last 14 days.

The state disaster management

committee said schools in the three districts, which earlier had their reopening postponed from July 15 to Aug 3, would now resume classes on Aug 17.

The postponement involves Transition, Forms One to Four, Lower Six and Years One to Six in 213 schools.

"Preschool, Form Five and Upper Six classes will go on as usual," the committee said yesterday.

The decision to postpone reopening was made based on advice from the state Health Department and National Security Council, and was agreed to by the state Education Department, the committee said.

Sarawak reported two new cases yesterday, one each in Kuching and Serian districts, taking the state's tally to 677.

Amid concern over the spike in

cases, people in Kuching are calling for strict adherence to the standard operating procedure (SOP).

Brooke Gallery manager Liza Sideni said it was important for everyone to observe the SOP and not become complacent in the fight against the pandemic.

She welcomed the committee's measures of imposing inter-zone travel restrictions and shorter business hours in Kuching, Samarahan and Serian from Aug 1-14 as a way to keep the public on their toes.

"Coupled with stricter measures like police roadblocks or on-the-spot fines, that could help curb the spread too," she said.

"These methods may sound excessive but sometimes we have no choice but to go with the less popular option to make people more aware," she said.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 15

RUANGAN : NATION

Classmates, family of pupil with Covid-19 placed in quarantine

KOTA KINABALU: Classmates and family members of a primary school pupil who tested positive for Covid-19 here have been ordered to undergo mandatory quarantine.

Sabah Health Department director Datuk Dr Christina Rundi said health personnel had earlier carried out a screening on the pupil's classmates as well as family members.

"They were ordered to undergo a two-week quarantine," she said yesterday.

It is understood that 37 classmates, their parents as well as eight teachers were screened as part of measures to check the spread of infection.

The pupil was found to be Covid-19 positive on July 27 after he turned up for treatment at a government health clinic here.

Dr Rundi urged parents not to send their children to school if they were sick and to take them to the clinic for treatment.

She also called on everyone to observe the

new normal in schools, including social distancing, wearing face masks, hand washing and avoiding crowded areas frequently.

As of Tuesday, there were three new Covid-19 cases detected in Sabah, bringing the total to 392 cases, she said.

One of the new cases involved a boy from Papar who was identified as high risk and screened for Covid-19 at the hospital. The boy was currently being treated at the Women and Children Hospital in Likas, she said.

The second new Covid-19 case involved a woman who came to the Lahad Datu hospital for fever treatment while a third case was a Penampang man who had returned from abroad.

Dr Rundi said the man had initially tested negative but a second test found him positive with Covid-19. He was admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital here for further treatment, she said.

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Social media was awash with pictures such as this on Tuesday, with many expressing fears over the eruption of a 'Najib cluster'. -SUNPIX

Cluster blunder

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PETALING JAYA: The fear of yet another cluster of Covid-19 taking shape has just become very real.

It has even gained a moniker – the Najib cluster.

The fear stems from a large crowd that gathered at the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex on Tuesday to await the verdict on former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak on seven corruption charges. Najib was found guilty of all charges.

The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) is worried that the cluster, if it emerges, will be too difficult to manage, while the police are looking for the organisers of the gathering.

Health Director-General Datuk Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, the man behind Malaysia's success in the Covid-19 war so far, was visibly dejected.

MMA president Dr N. Ganabaskaran observed that there had been no attempt at social distancing, making it a challenge to control the spread of the coronavirus.

"New clusters can also emerge if there are cases that can

be traced back to this gathering," he said.

He also pointed out that contact tracing would be difficult as there is now no restrictions on movement and the ban on interstate travel has been lifted.

Ganabaskaran called out the authorities for not taking pre-emptive steps to handle the situation, leaving the country exposed to another round of Covid-19 threat.

"There was no crowd control. The authorities should have instructed the crowd to leave or limit the number of supporters as soon as they saw a crowd building up," he added.

To illustrate the magnitude of the risk, he pointed out that a total of 3,347

cases were traced back to the Sri Petaling tabligh cluster alone.

Noor Hisham said the only option is to watch for a rise in the number of cases in the next two weeks.

"There's nothing we can do now as it has already happened."

"We can only hope that there will not be any large-scale outbreak from what happened on Tuesday," he added.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Mazlan Mansor

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13 NEW CASES, NO FATALITIES

PETALING JAYA: Thirteen new Covid-19 positive cases were recorded as of noon yesterday, bringing the total number of infections detected in the country to 8,956. No fatalities were reported, leaving the death toll at 124. Health director-general Datuk Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said yesterday that eight of the new cases were imported. "The eight consisted of four Malaysians and four foreigners, who entered the country from the United Kingdom, India, the Philippines, Pakistan, Gambia and Ukraine. The remaining five local transmission cases comprised three Malaysians and two foreigners from Johor, Sarawak, Sabah, Sarawak and Perlis." Noor Hisham said 10 patients were discharged yesterday, bringing the total number of those who have recovered to 8,612. "This leaves 220 active Covid-19 cases in Malaysia. Two of these patients are being treated in intensive care units, with one needing ventilator assistance."

238 SOP FLOUTERS ARRESTED

PETALING JAYA: Police nabbed 238 individuals on Tuesday for violating standard operating procedures (SOP) under the recovery movement control order. Senior Minister (Defence) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said 42 of them were remanded. "Of the 238, nine were arrested at nightclubs and pubs," he told a media conference yesterday. Ismail Sabri said 64,687 checks were conducted by the authorities at supermarkets, restaurants, hawker centres, factories, banks and government offices. Police also put up 62 roadblocks nationwide to detect illegal immigrants. From July 24 to 28, a total of 2,174 Malaysians returned from 22 countries including China, Indonesia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Japan, India and South Korea. They were placed under mandatory quarantine at 13 quarantine centres across the country. Seven individuals have been sent to hospital for treatment.

14-DAY CLOSURE FOR KINDERGARTENS

ALOR STAR: A total of 73 kindergartens and three daycare centres under the Community Development Department (Kemas) in Kubang Pasu were ordered closed beginning yesterday following the spread of Covid-19 in the district involving the Sivaganga cluster. State Kemas director Noor Azman Abd Rahman said the directive was issued as a preliminary measure to contain the transmission of the virus. "The 14-day closure involves 1,605 tabika students and 62 taska students. All parents have been directed to take their children home. The temporary closure is to allow cleaning and disinfection work to be carried out at all the premises according to the standard operating procedures stipulated by the government."

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Organisers to be questioned in ongoing police probe

said organisers of the gathering had earlier been advised to ensure that everyone assembled in an orderly manner and took precautions against Covid-19.

He said the organisers had met with Sentul police a week earlier to discuss the matter and were advised to ensure that social distancing and other precautionary steps are practised by the supporters.

"They were advised and we allowed the gathering but it got out of hand."

"We gave warnings and advised them at the scene but it went unheeded. Why do we need to invite trouble? We should take care of ourselves. In the end, the police and Health Ministry are blamed when everyone should be responsible for their own wellbeing during this pandemic."

Mazlan said an individual lodged a police

report on the matter and the organisers of the gathering will be questioned in the ongoing investigations.

The matter was also raised at the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

In response to a question from Jelutong MP R.S.N. Rayer, Speaker Datuk Azhar Azizan Harun said MPs who attended the gathering would not be barred as long as they do not show symptoms of Covid-19.

"I don't have the right to control the movement of MPs outside Parliament. We do not know if there are Covid-19 positive cases who could have infected MPs."

He told Lumut MP Datuk Mohd Hatta Md Ramli that it was for the Health Ministry to decide whether the MPs present at the court complex should take a swab test.

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