AKHBAR : SINAR AHAD

MUKA SURAT: 3

RUANGAN : PILIHAN RAYA KECIL DUN CHINI

98 pengundi PRK DUN Chini dirujuk ke khemah rawatan

PUTRAJAYA - Seramai 98 pengundi Pilihan Raya Kecil (PRK) Chini, Pahang dirujuk ke khemah rawatan ketika keluar mengundi setakat jam 3 petang semalam. Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, seramai enam pengundi didapati bergejala dan dibenarkan mengundi di khemah rawat-an, manakala seorang pengundi dirujuk ke klinik kesihatan untuk rawatan lanjut. "Seramai 140 anggota kesihatan ber-tugas di 13 pusat pengundian.

"Pasukan perubatan yang bertugas di 13 pusat pengundian.
"Pasukan perubatan yang bertugas di khemah khas mengundi membuat pemeriksaan suhu.

"Bagi pengundi yang gagal saringan suhu dan bergejala, mereka membuat

undian di khemah khas de-

undian di khemah khas de-ngan prosedur operasi stan-dard (SOP) yang ditetapkan. "Pengundi tersebut sete-rusnya diperitsa pasukan per-ubatan untuk tindakan selan-jutnya," kata beliau dalam satu kenyataan mengenai perkembangan Covid-19 di sini semalam

perkembangan Covid-19 di sini semalam. Dr Noor Hisham memak-lumkan, Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah (PKD) Pekan dan agensi lain memulakan persiapan awal bagi memastikan

proses pengundian berlangsung dengan lancar dengan kepatuhan terhadap nor-mal baharu serta SOP.



Jelasnya, antara persiapan tersebut, mesyuarat penyela-rasan PRK diadakan sebulan yang lalu di Pejabat Daerah Pekan bersama Suruhanjaya Pilihan Raya (SPR) Pahang. "Taklimat kepada semua petugas SPR dan simulasi tu-

petugas SPR dan simulasi turut diadakan bagi petugas kesihatan yang terlibat.
"Penyediaan pasukan perubatan dan pemantau di lokasi mengundi secara keseluruhan untuk memastikan pengundi patuh kepada SOP.
"Syabas diucapkan kepada semua petugas yang menjalankan tugas masing-masing," katanya,

AKHBAR : SINAR AHAD

MUKA SURAT: 9

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RUANGAN : NASIONAL

NASIONAL MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19 Kembali catat dua ang 10 kes baharu

Covid-19 dicatatkan di Malaysia semalam

Oleh MOHD RIDZUAN ABU HASSAN

PUTRAJAYA

ementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) memaklumkan bahawa sebanyak 10 kes baharu Covid-19 dicatatkan di Malaysia semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, daripada 10 kes itu, tujuh kes merupakan kes import melibatkan warganegara Malaysia yang mendapat jangkitan di luar negara.

Tiga lagi kes penularan dalam negara pula melibatkan satu kes bukan warganegara iaitu kes saringan Orang Kena Tahan (OKT) di Seremban, Negeri Sembilan sebelum dipindahkan ke penjara manakala dua kes dalam ka-langan warganegara Malaysia," katanya



ahan kes baharu Covid-19 setakat sema

dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Menurutnya, dua kes dalam kalangan warganegara itu melibatkan satu kes di Kuala Lumpur hasil saringan pra-pembedahan di Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) dan dipindahkan ke

Hospital Sungai Buloh.
"Satu lagi kes membabitkan saringan petugas kesihatan yang telah tamat bertugas di sebuah pusat kuarantin di

Likas, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sebanyak 15 kes pulih Covid-19 dan dibenarkan discaj semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya sebanyak 8,461 kes.

Menurutnya, jumlah kes pulih dan discaj itu bersamaan 97.7 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes positif iaitu sebanyak 8,658 kes termasuk 10 kes baharu semalam.

'Jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 adalah sebanyak 76 kes. Mereka telah diasingkan dan di-beri rawatan," katanya. Setakat semalam, beliau berkata,

terdapat dua kes positif Covid-19 se-dang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) yang masing-masing memerlukan ban-

yang masing tuan pernafasan.
"Adalah dimaklumkan bahawa tiada pertambahan kes kematian berkait-an Covid-19 dilaporkan pada hari ini (semalam). Jumlah kumulatif kes kematian Covid-19 di Malaysia kekal sebanyak 121 kes iaitu 1.39 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes," ka-

Kluster Pudu tamat

PUTRAJAYA - Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) memaklumkan kluster Pudu membabitkan kluster kediaman di Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur yang mula dikesan daripada saringan pekerja di sebuah tapak pembinaan diisytiharkan ta-

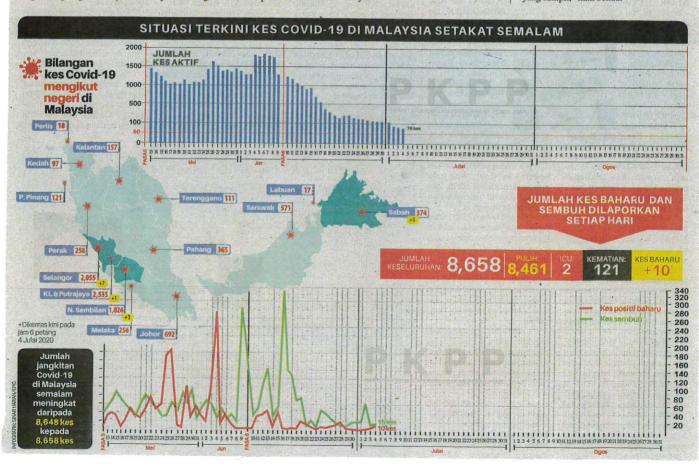
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, kes positif Covid-19 pertama kluster itu dikesan pada 10 Mei lalu susulan saringan yang dijalankan bagi pekerja atas inisiatif majikan syarikat

pembinaan.
Menurutnya, sehingga 3 Julai, seramai 3,387 orang telah disaring dan 80 kes dida-

"Kes-kes positif kluster ini merangkumi 97.5 peratus bukan warganegara Malaysia antaranya 69 warga Bangladesh, tujuh Myanmar dan dua Indonesia manakala dua

lagi warganegara Malaysia.
"Kawalan pentadbiran telah dilaksana-kan di kawasan kluster itu dengan bantuan pelbagai agensi lain bagi menjalankan aktiviti pengesanan kes secara aktif dan lang-kah pembendungan penularan jangkitan. "Hasil siasatan mendapati faktor yang

menyumbang kepada penularan jangkitan Covid-19 dalam kluster ini adalah penginapan yang sesak dan mempunyai ruang yang sempit," kata beliau.



AKHBAR : NEW SUNDAY TIMES

MUKA SURAT: 3

RUANGAN : NEWS / NATION

6 voters detected with Covid-19 symptoms

KUALA LUMPUR: Six voters were detected with Covid-19 symptoms when they tried to cast their ballots in the Chini by-election yesterday. The six were among 98 voters who failed their temper-ature screening before entering

voting centres.

Health director-general Datuk
Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said
those who failed temperature screening and those with symp-toms of Covid-19 were directed to a special tent according to stan-dard operating

procedures (SOPs). "The 98 voters

were referred to the tent for further evaluation, and out of that number, six were found to be symp-tomatic. But they were allowed to vote in a treat-ment tent. (Out of the six with symptoms), one

voter was referred to a health

clinic for further treatment."
Dr Noor Hisham said the polling stations had medical of-ficers observing voters to ensure that they adhered to SOPs. These were part of the guidelines for polling day under the new normal during the Covid-19 pandem-

"There are teams in charge of monitoring polling stations and ensuring that voters follow SOPs. Medical officers working at the specific tents took the temper-atures of voters. Those with a high temperature and symptoms would be assessed by a medical team for further treatment."

Dr Noor Hisham said 140 medical officers were stationed at 13 polling stations up to 3pm yesterday.

He said the Pekan district health office and the Pahang Election Commission (EC) had collaborated in running the byelection.

"The Pekan district health of-fice and other agencies had begun preparations to ensure that polling day ran smoothly while adhering to the SOPs under the new normal.

"EC held a meeting a month ago with the Pekan district office and Pahang EC to brief all EC and health officers in-

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the new normal and

DATUK DR NOOR HISHAM ABDULLAH Health director-general

volved in the by-election, includ-ing holding a simulation exercise to prepare them for polling

day.
"I would like to congratulate all the officers for their effort to en-sure that the elecgeneral tion process ran smoothly. Con-gratulations to the voters, who exercised their

voting responsibility, for complying with the new normal and

SOPs," he said. The Chini by-election saw voters wearing masks, undergoing temperature screenings and us-ing hand sanitiser before casting their ballots.

Dr Noor Hisham reminded people to avoid the "3C"s — crowded places, confined spaces and close conversations — during the pandemic

He urged the public to practise the "3W"s — frequently washing hands with soap and water, wearing face masks, especially in pub-lic places or when they encounter people who are having fever and flu, and warning others against bodily contact, including hand-



Three women with face masks showing their ink-stained fingers after voting at SK Kinchir in Chini yesterday.

AKHBAR : NEW SUNDAY TIMES

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PASSION FOR ART

LUQMAN'S SKETCH **IMPRESSES HEALT**

Dr Noor Hisham shares the image drawn by autistic freelance artist on Twitter

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UQMAN Hakim Mohd Khialdin has had a passion for drawing since he was 3 years old.

The 27-year-old, who is a highfunctioning autistic, captured the attention of Malaysians re-cently when his sketch of Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah went viral.

His sketch, done on a Starbucks coffee tumbler, even caught the eve of the subject matter himself who was quick to share the image on Twitter, accompanied by a message for Luqman.

"Luqman Hakim, you are a very talented artist. It's not easy to draw this portrait on a @Star-bucksMY cup. Thank you and keep up the good work. Indeed, you have gifted skills," said Dr Noor Hisham.

Luqman said he had always wanted to draw Dr Noor Hisham, as he was someone he admired.
"I've always respect-

ed him and his dedication towards ensuring that the nation receives the best healthcare. "The sketch was my

way of paying tribute to him and all our

frontliners, who have been working round the clock during this pandemic.

"Malaysian doctors should be proud of themselves as they have been helping me survive and become independent as an autistic person. They are the best

Luqman Hakim

Mohd Khialdin

He sketched the image in one sitting while enjoying a drink at a

Starbucks outlet at Bangi Gateway Mall. He then shared it on his Instagram account.

However, he did not expect Dr Noor Hisham to see it.
"I was surprised and happy!

Getting recognition from him means the world to me.

"I didn't expect to get so much atten-tion. After the image gained attention, I figured I'd need to be careful in managing my commissions from now on as there'll probably be a lot more to come," he quipped.

Lugman, who is a freelance artist, said his condition meant

that he was always the subject of bullying when he was growing

"This led me to lash out a lot. I would become aggressive and throw tantrums. I'd also have trouble communicating, especially when it comes to social-



The portrait of Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah drawn by Luqman Hakim Mohd Khialdin on a Starbucks coffee tumbler.

ising and understanding jokes.

He said he had been receiving treatment for schizophrenia since 2011. It was only last year that he was diagnosed with autism

Luqman said now that he understood his condition, he was working hard to make progress.

"I learnt my limits and that ev-erybody is capable of achieving the impossible with hard work.

"As humans, we are strong beyond our limits.

"That's our beauty and that pain will always be there at every corner.

"But it will contribute only to-

wards strengthening us.
"And for those who are on the same path as I am, don't be afraid to seek medical treatment and don't stop improving your**AKHBAR** : SUNDAY STAR

MUKA SURAT: 2

RUANGAN : NATION

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'10 new infections found'

Health DG: Figures have risen to double digits again



PETALING JAYA: Covid-19 cases have risen to double digits once again, as the country recorded 10 new infections with the majority being imported cases.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said this brought the total infections in the country to 8,658.

Out of the 10 new cases, he said seven were imported while the rest were local transmission.

The imported cases involved Malaysians who had contracted the virus overseas while the local transmission involved one foreigner and two locals, he said.

He said the virus was detected in the foreigner during a screening at a detention centre in Seremban before he was sent to prison.

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The two Malaysians, meanwhile, were detected during a pre-operation screening at the Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM and during a health personnel screening at the Likas quarantine centre.

In a statement yesterday, he also noted that there were two Covid-19 patients being treated in the intensive care unit and both cases required ventilator support.

Dr Noor Hisham said 15 more patients



Dressed right for duty: Soldiers reciting a pledge while wearing camouflage face masks and practising social distancing as part of the SOP measures enforced at the Pusat Latihan Asas Tentera Darat in Port Dickson, Negri Sembilan. — Bernama

were discharged bringing the total cumula-tive discharged cases to 8,461.

No death was recorded yesterday. The death foll remains at 121 cases.

Separately, he said that six voters at the Chini by-election had displayed Covid-19 symptoms.

He said they were referred to its treatment camp and cast their ballot there. Dr Noor Hisham added that 98 other vot-ers as well were referred to the treatment

camp.
"One voter was referred to a health clinic for further treatment," he said.

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: THE BORNEO POST (ONLINE)

MUKA SURAT: -

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Clinic staff endure working in challenging situation

Health · Medicine · Public Health James Ling

KAPIT: It has been a great challenge for the staff of Kapit Health Clinic in providing basic medical and healthcare services not only to the townsfolk and the communities around here, but also to those living in the remote pockets across the division.



Dr Farhana (second left) greets Ago (third left) and others upon their arrival at the clinic. On Dr Farhana's right is Dr Chin, while on Ago's left is Dr Vun.

Things have been getting even more demanding with Covid19, which has pushed everyone to adapt to the 'new norms' including social distancing and more stringent hygiene practices.

According to Kapit Health Clinic director Dr Fahani Sa-mat, the facility has been fully complying with the standard operating procedures (SOP) set by the Ministry of Health, with the aim of helping to flatten the Covid-19 curve.

In addition, the daily opening hours have also been restructured – for now, the clinic is running from 8am to 7pm, Mondays to Fridays.

"This is to avoid overcrowding. For those who live in town and the nearby areas, we advise them to come after 5pm, for us to accommodate the morning visitors — the majority of whom are from the rural longhouses.

"However, the current situation has taken quite a toll on us — we have manpower shortage, yet our workload is heavy. Apart from this clinic, we also have 12 rural clinics to look after," said Dr Fahani in her briefing presented to

Deputy Health Minister II
Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang during the latter's visit to the
clinic here recently.

The rural clinics under Kapit Health Clinic are those in Sungai Melinau, Sungai Sekeroh, Tunoh Resettlement Scheme, Long Busang, Punan Bah, Nanga Ibau, Nanga Merit, Sungai Bena, Nanga Entawau, Sungai Merirai, Sungai Gaat and Nanga Mujong.

It is informed that the medical officers (MOs) would conduct visits to these rural clinics once a month – except for the

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one in Long Busang, which is once in two months.

According to Dr Farhani, this is due to the remoteness of the area – from here, it could take up to nine hours to reach Long Busang via logging road and river transportation.

The Kapit Health Clinic has a total staff of 93 people – one family doctor, eight MOs, 10 medical assistants (MAs), 41 nurses, and 33 support staff members.

"The number of patients has increased drastically. We attended to 300 to 400 patients per day in 2018 and 2019, but now the number has reached up to 500 patients per day.

"This means that each MO, on average, treats between 60 and 70 patients a day; at the same time, all of us must ensure that everyone complies with the SOP," said Dr Farhani.

She also informed Ago about the restrictions that her staff faced in dealing with the patients.

"We have limited space area, which can barely accommodate rising number of patients. For example, we have no choice but to take blood samples at the old canteen adjacent to the clinic block. The old chairs need replacing. We also need additional portable ventilator, replace the air-conditioning units and upgrade the equipment in the physiotherapy section," she added.

In his remarks, Ago who is Kanowit MP, said his visit was meant for him to find out the situation on the ground.

"This briefing, for example, is among the way forward in planning for better provision of healthcare services to the people in this division.

"As a Deputy Minister of Health, I have been tasked by Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyuddin Yassin to look into the healthcare services and facilities in Malaysian, especially in Sarawak and Sabah," he said, adding that he had gone to the Sungai Asap Health Clinic in Belaga the previous week.

Hulu Rajang MP Datuk Wilson Ugak Kumbong, Health Department Sarawak director Dr Chin Zin Hing, Kapit Health officer Dr Hamidi Mohamad, and Kapit Hospital director Dr Ivan Vun were among those who accompanied Ago during the visit.

This is to avoid overcrowding. For those who live in town and the nearby areas, we advise them to come after 5pm, for us to accommodate the morning visitors – the majority of whom are from the rural longhouses. Dr Fahani Samat

AKHBAR : THE BORNEO POST

MUKA SURAT: 1

RUANGAN: NEWS (SARAWAK)

New hospital planned for Kapit at old airport site posted on JC LY 5, 2020, SUNDAY AT 12:01 AMNEWS. SARAWAK



Ago signs the visitors' book. Seated next to him is Health Department Sarawak director Dr Chin Zin Hing,

KAPIT: The Ministry of Health has a long term plan to construct a new hospital at the old airport site here.

Deputy Health Minister Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang said this was part of the government's plans to provide better healthcare to the people in the division.

"The Ministry of Health – we have short and long term plans. The short-term, as soon as possible, is to send more medical officers, especially specialists – physicians, general surgeons, orthopaedic, et cetera – to the hospital.

"The long-term plan is to plan for a new hospital at the old airport, which is a strategic location between Kapit town and Bletih. The airport's land is under the Malaysia Airports

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MUKA SURAT: 2

RUANGAN: NEWS (SARAWAK)

authority, and the Ministry of Health comes under the federal government. So it will be easier to handle the land issues.

"Of course, to build a new hospital takes time to plan, to bid for funds, and to acquire land from the Ministry of Transport to the Health Ministry," Ago said prior attending a health briefing here yesterday.

He visited Kapit Hospital and Kapit Health Clinic, after visiting the Sungai Asap Health Clinic last week.

"As Deputy Minister of Health, I am tasked by Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to look into health facilities and healthcare in Sarawak and Sabah especially. Through briefings, we know the way forward is to provide better healthcare to the people, especially the rural communities," said Ago, who is Kanowit MP.

According to him, providing healthcare services here is particularly challenging because the majority of the people depend on government's facilities, with just two private clinics available.

"In big cities like Kuching, people have many choices because many private specialist clinics and healthcare facilities are available. We are short of human resources at hospitals and clinics, also the old equipment would need to be replaced and more facilities need to be added to enhance healthcare.

"For instance, Kapit should have some 70 medical officers, but Kapit Hospital only has 19 medical officers, while Kapit Health Clinic only has eight medical officers," he said.

Ago also thanked all healthcare workers on the frontline, who were involved in the fight against Covid-19.

"Because of your commitment, hard work, and new approach, Kapit is free from Covid-19. Congratulations. Keep Kapit 'green' to safeguard public health," he added.

Meanwhile in his briefing, Kapit Hospital director Dr Ivan Vun said the hospital urgently needed a computerised tomography (CT) scanner as currently, patients would need to go to Sibu Hospital for scans and then return to Kapit, which is time-consuming and costly.

He also pointed out that when medical officers got transferred out of Kapit, it would be very difficult and complicated to get replacements.

AKHBAR : TV SARAWAK

MUKA SURAT: -

RUANGAN : ONLINE



KKM Rancang Bina Hospital Baru Di Lapangan Terbang Lama Kapit

₩ JULY 5, 2020

KEMENTERIAN Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mempunyai pelan jangka panjang untuk membina hospital baru di tapak lapangan terbang lama di Kapit.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang seperti dilapor The Borneo Post berkata pelan ini adalah sebahagian daripada rancangan kerajaan untuk menyediakan kemudahan kesihatan yang lebih baik kepada penduduk di bahagian tersebut disebabkan oleh lokasinya yang strategik di antara kota Kapit dengan Bletih.

Menurut beliau, kementeriannya tidak mempunyai masalah untuk mendapatkan tanah di lapangan itu kerana tanah tersebut berada dibawah kekuasaan Malaysia Airports yang juga dibawah kewibawaan kerajaan Persekutuan.

Bagi pelan jangka pendek pula, katanya, kementeriannya bercadang untuk menghantar lebih banyak pegawai perubatan, terutamanya doktor, pakar bedah umum, ortopedik, dan lain-lain ke hospital.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika mengadakan lawatan ke Hospital Kapit dan Klinik Kesihatan Kapit pada Sabtu, setelah mengunjungi Klinik Kesihatan Sungai Asap minggu lalu.

Beliau yang juga Ahli Parlimen Kanowit itu berkata menyediakan perkhidmatan kesihatan di kawasan ini sangat mencabar keraqna majoriti masyarakat bergantung pada kemudahan kerajaan yang hanya menyediakan dua klinik swasta.

Ujarnya, penduduk di bandar mempunyai lebih banyak pilihan kerana terdapat lebih banyak klinik pakar swasta dan kemudahan penjagaan kesihatan disediakan di sana.

Manakala di kawasan pedalaman katanya, pihak kesihatan kekurangan sumber daya manusia di hospital dan klinik, perlu mengganti kebanyakan peralatan lama dan perlu menambah lebih banyak kemudahan untuk meningkatkan penjagaan kesihatan.