

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 7
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Pemulihan COVID-19

Kluster Novgorod jangkiti 3 individu

Pengesahan kes positif hasil saringan kontak rapat rakyat baru pulang dari Russia

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Putrajaya: Satu kluster baharu COVID-19 dikesan di Melaka dikenali Kluster pesakit di bawah pemantauan (PUI) "Novgorod" dengan Kementerian Kesihatan mengesahkan iaitu menjangkiti tiga individu.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata pengesanan kluster susulan kes positif ketiga hasil sa-

ringan kontak rapat kepada kes kedua kluster terbatit.

Mengulas lanjut, katanya kes pertama kluster ini membabitkan seorang warga negara Malaysia, iaitu kes ke 8,673 yang pulang ke tanah air dari Russia pada 5 Julai lalu.

"Keputusan saringan COVID-19 di pintu masuk Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) mendapatkannya positif virus berkenaan dan dimasukkan ke Hospital Sungai Buloh.

"Kes kedua iaitu ke 8,718 pula adalah rakan kepada kes pertama dan mereka menaiki pesawat sama pada 5 Julai lalu.

"Saringan awal COVID-19 ke atas kes kedua ini negatif, namun menunjukkan gejala demam dan saluran pernafasan dua hari kemudian. Saringan ulangan dilakukan mendapat keputusan positif," katanya dalam kenyataan

melalui Facebook, di sini, semalam.

Mengenai kes ketiga, beliau berkata ia membabitkan bapa kepada kes kedua kluster terbatit selepas menunjukkan gejala demam beberapa hari kemudian.

"Ketibaan beliau (kes kedua) di Malaysia pada 6 Julai lalu disambut empat ahli keluarga yang mewalki satu kereta dan hasil siasatan, bapa kepada kes kedua itu turut positif COVID-19 iaitu kes ke 8,724 selepas mula mengalami gejala demam.

"Ini menjadikan beliau kes ketiga dalam Kluster PUI Novgorod," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham menasihatkan supaya mengurangkan jumlah kehadiran individu untuk menjemput ahli keluarga yang baru pulang ke tanah air di lapangan terbang, selain mengelak bersentuhan dan memakai pelitup muka

Mereka yang bergejala juga sewajarnya mengambil inisiatif duduk di rumah dan amalkan kuarantin di rumah masing-masing sambil mengamalkan penjarakan selamat dengan ahli keluarga atau rakan serumah.

**Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah,
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan**

sepanjang perjalanan.

"Jika ahli keluarga atau rakan serumah kepada pengembara bergejala, mereka perlu mendapatkan rawatan segera. Mereka yang bergejala juga sewajarnya mengambil inisiatif duduk di rumah dan amalkan kuarantin di rumah masing-masing sambil mengamalkan penjarakan selamat dengan ahli keluarga atau rakan serumah.

"Phak kementerian mengharapkan kerjasama orang ramai untuk mengelak penularan jangkitan COVID-19 dalam kalangan orang terdekat," katanya.

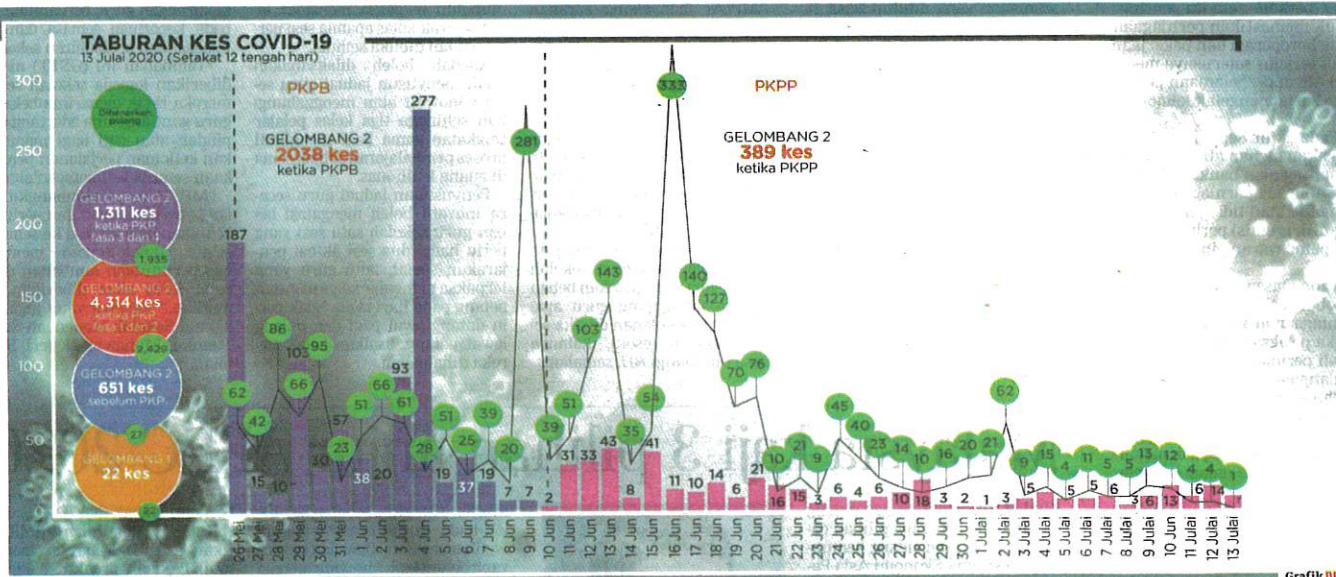
Mengenai statistik harian, Dr Noor Hisham memaklumkan tu-



juh kes baru positif COVID-19 dikesan semalam, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif 8,725 kes di negara ini, manakala bilangan kes aktif dengan kebolehjngkitan COVID-19 adalah 83 kes.

"Sehingga jam 12 tengah hari semalam, hanya satu kes sudah pulih dan dibenarkan pulang, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih di negara ini 8,520 kes atau 97.6 peratus.

"Sehingga kini empat pesakit masih dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dan tiga daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan. Jumlah kematian kekal 122 kes bersamaan 1.39 peratus," katanya.



Kerjasama penyelidikan vaksin raih manfaat perubatan

Kuala Lumpur: Langkah Malaysia menjalin kerjasama penyelidikan strategik dengan negara luar dalam membangunkan vaksin, bertujuan memastikan negara memperoleh manfaat sebaiknya dalam bidang perubatan.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba, berkata ketika ini Malaysia berkolaborasi untuk menjalankan penyelidikan bersama China, Thailand dan Amerika Syarikat.

"Pihak IMR melalui Kajian Klinikal Malaysia (CRM) berusaha

tarungjawabkan kepada Institut Penyelidikan Perubatan (IMR).

"Buat masa ini cadangan pelaksanaan penyelidikan membabitkan kolaborasi dengan negara lain seperti China, Thailand dan Amerika Syarikat.

"Pihak IMR melalui Kajian Klinikal Malaysia (CRM) berusaha untuk menangani cabaran membangunkan vaksin terutama vaksin COVID-19.

"Malaysia juga antara 39 negara

menyertai ujian solidariti Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO) dalam kajian rawatan COVID-19, termasuk pembangunan vaksin," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian menjawab soalan tambahan Nurul Izzah Anwar (PH-Permatang Pauh) pada sesi soal jawab lisan di Dewan Rakyat, semalam.

Nurul Izzah bertanya apakah Malaysia berkemampuan dari segi dana dan dukungan untuk

membangunkan vaksin memandangkan kemungkinan muncul lebih banyak penyakit zoonotik pada masa depan.

Mengulas lanjut, Dr Adham ber-

kata, sehingga kini Malaysia berada pada fasa ketiga kajian klinikal terhadap vaksin COVID-19 dengan syarikat Sinovac Biotech dari China termasuk kajian vaksin tidak aktif virus itu dengan syarikat Sinopharm Group Co.

Beliau berkata, antara perkara

perlu diberi perhatian dalam menjalin kerjasama itu adalah untuk melaksanakan fasa ketiga bagi setiap kajian dijalankan.

"Ia membatikan pelaksanaan ujian klinikal fasa ketiga selain perlu memenuhi syarat ditetapkan.

"Ia seperti memohon kelulusan Regulatori Farmasi Negara dan melepas Jawatankuasa Etika Penyelidikan Perubatan serta perlu dilaksanakan di bawah Kementerian Kesihatan," katanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 7
RUANGAN : LOKAL

Tujuh kes baharu jangkitan Covid-19

Kuala Lumpur: Tujuh kes baharu jangkitan Covid-19 dilaporkan semalam menjadikan keseluruhan kes positif di negara ini adalah 8,725 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, kes baharu itu membabitkan enam kes import warganegara tempatan yang pu-

lang dari luar negara dan satu kes tempatan.

"Jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 adalah sebanyak 83 kes dan mereka sudah diisarkan secara ber-

"Empat kes positif

Babitkan enam kes import warganegara pulang dari luar negara, satu kes tempatan

dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dengan tiga daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Selain itu, beliau berkata, terdapat satu kes pulih dilaporkan semalam

menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih meningkat kepada 8,520 kes dengan kadar kesembuhan 97.6 peratus.

Katanya, tiada kematian berkaitan Covid-19 semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes kematian kekal 122 kes iaitu 1.39 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Lima ditahan, 32 kena kompaun langgar PKP

Kuala Lumpur: Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) menahan 37 individu atas kesalahan ingkar Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP).

Menteri Kanan (Kluster Keselamatan) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, daripada jumlah itu, lima individu direman manakala 32 dikenakan kompaun.

"Antara kesalahan ingkar PKP termasuk aktiviti dalam pub/kelab malam (seorang individu), aktiviti dengan melibatkan kehadiran orang ramai yang menyularkan penjarakan sosial (16 individu) dan aktiviti yang melanggar prosedur operasi standard (SOP) (20 individu).

"Task Force Operasi Pematuhan diketuai PDRM ju-

ga membuat 65,253 pemeriksaan semalam bagi memantau dan menguatkuasa pematuhan SOP Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Pemuliharan (PKP)," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Ismail Sabri berkata, se-

banyak 2,762 Pasukan Pe-

matuhan membuat pemantauan di 3,974 pasar

raya, 5,607 restoran dan

1,315 penjaja, 1,079 kilang,

3,718 bank serta 740 pejabat

kerajaan.

"Sebanyak 1,120 terminal

pengangkutan darat, 252

terminal pengangkutan air

serta 121 terminal pengang-

kutan udara juga dipantau

oleh Task Force Operasi Pe-

matuhan," katanya.

'Dia hero Malaysia'

Rakan sejawat Dr Noor Hisham puji tindakan tangani Covid-19



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Kuala Lumpur

Saya berbangga dengan kebijaksanaan dan kerja keras Dr Noor Hisham serta pasukannya (kendalian Covid-19) dan saya sangat sedih dengan negara saya sendiri.

"Lihatlah AS (Amerika Syarikat) dan Dr Fauci pula (Pakar penyakit berjangkit AS, Dr Anthony Fauci) diancam bunuh," demikian luahan Pakar Bedah AS, Julie Miller.

Beliau rakan sejawat Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah yang memuji Malaysia dan membuat perbandingan di antara AS dan negara ini mengendalikan Covid-19.

Dalam catatan Facebook miliknya kelmarin, Miller berkata, Malaysia menjadi contoh negara terbaik apabila pemimpin atasan mendengar pandangan sains dan bukan berpaksikan politik dalam isu pandemik itu.

"Rakan sejawat saya, pakar bedah endokrin, Dr Hisham Abdullah pula adalah Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan di Malaysia dan beliau bertindak (menangani) pande-



mik mereka.

"Sejak Januari lalu, beliau bekerja siang dan malam. Pegawai pula mendengar dan melaksanakan nasihatnya manakala orang ramai mematuhi jarak sosial, mencuci tangan dan memakaikan pelitup muka.

"Pada mulanya, beliau membuat keputusan sukar walau sebelum Malaysia merekod kes pertama lagi.

"Kawalan ketat sempadan, saringan, mengesan, pengasingan, menyampaikan mesaj dengan jelas dan konsisten, (kendalian) sidang media harian, bukti serta (membuat) keputusan berdasarkan fakta," katanya yang turut tag Dr Noor Hisham dengan status dimuat naik itu.

Katanya, hasilnya Malaysia sebuah negara Asia ber-

bilang bangsa dan populasi padat dapat mengatasi pandemiti dengan baik, manalah Dr Noor Hisham turut diangkat sebagai hero negara.

"Sains bukan politik," katanya.

Setakat semalam, status berkenaan dimuat naik bersama gambar Dr Noor Hisham berlatarbelakangkan lukisan mural wajah pakar itu dan perbandingan graf kes harian Covid-19 antara empat negara termasuk Malaysia meraih 13,000 tanda suka, 1,200 komen serta 5,000 perkongsian.

RINGKAS

Tutup 19 tapak binaan di seluruh negara

Kuala Lumpur: Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Perbinaan Malaysia (CIDB) menutup 19 tapak binaan di seluruh Malaysia setakat kelmarin.

Menteri Kanan (Kluster Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, kelmarin juga CIDB membuat pemeriksaan di sembilan tapak binaan di seluruh Malaysia yang membabitkan 15 penguat kuasa.

"Daripada jumlah itu, pemeriksaan CIDB mendapat semuanya mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP).

"Jumlah kumulatif tapak binaan yang mematuhi SOP sehingga semalam adalah 2,990 tapak binaan manakala 525 tapak binaan lagi tidak patuh SOP dan diberi amaran," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 9

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

KKM kesan Kluster Novgorod

Libatkan rakyat Malaysia yang pulang dari Rusia

Oleh TUAN BUQHAIRAH TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN

PUTRAJAYA



DR NOOR HISHAM

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mengesan kluster baru koronavirus (Covid-19) iaitu Kluster Novgorod melibatkan rakyat Malaysia yang pulang dari Rusia, awal bulan ini.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, kluster itu dikenal pasti apabila terdapat kes ketiga yang dikesan positif Covid-19 hasil saringan kontak rapat kepada kes kedua.

"Kes pertama kluster ini merupakan seorang rakyat tempatan iaitu kes ke-8,673 yang pulang dari Rusia pada 5 Julai yang didapati positif dalam saringan di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kuala Lumpur (KLIA) dan dihantar ke Hospital Sungai Buloh," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, kes kedua (kes ke-8,718) kluster ini merupakan

rakan kepada kes pertama yang menaiki pesawat sama.

"Saringan di KLIA mendapati pesakit ini negatif namun mula menunjukkan gejala demam dan berkaitan saluran pernafasan dua hari kemudian. Dia kemudian disahkan positif Covid-19 selepas ujian saringan keduanya dilakukan," kata beliau.

Beliau berkata, kes ketiga kluster itu merupakan bapa kepada kes kedua yang turut menunjukkan gejala jangkitan.

"Semasa ketibaannya, pesakit kes kedua dijemput oleh empat ahli keluarganya," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sehingga semalam, seramai 14 kontak rapat sudah dikenal pasti.

"Kesemua mereka telah disaring dan disahkan negatif Covid-19," katanya.

Tambah beliau, siasatan dan aktiviti pengesan kontak rapat dijalankan KKM secara aktif.

Tujuh kes baru dilaporkan

PUTRAJAYA - Selepas dua hari berturut-turut mencatatkan dua angka kes positif koronavirus (Covid-19) semalam kembali kepada satu digit apabila tujuh kes baru dilaporkan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, tujuh kes baru terbabit melibatkan enam kes import dan satu kes tempatan.

"Ini menjadikan jumlah kumulatif positif Covid-19 di negara ini sebanyak 8,520 kes," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, terdapat 83 kes aktif yang sedang menerima rawatan di hospital.

"Sebanyak empat kes dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dan tiga daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) menerima laporan satu kes pulih dan dibenarkan discaj semalam.

"Oleh itu jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya adalah 8,520," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, tiada kematian berkaitan Covid-19 dilaporkan semalam dengan jumlah kes kematian kekal 122 kes.

SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM

Bilangan kes Covid-19 mengikut negeri di Malaysia

Perlis

18

+1

Kelantan

157

+1

Kedah

99

+1

P. Pinang

121

+1

Perak

258

+1

Selangor

2,092

+1

KL & Putrajaya

2,445

+1

N. Sembilan

1,027

+1

Melaka

258

+1

Johor

699

+1

Terengganu

111

+1

Labuan

17

+1

Sarawak

500

+1

Sabah

380

*Dikemas kini pada jam 6 petang 13 Julai 2020

Jumlah jangkitan Covid-19 di Malaysia semalam meningkat daripada 8,718 kes kepada 8,725 kes

JUMLAH KES BAHRU DAN SEMBUH DILAPORKAN SETIAP HARI

JUMLAH KESELURUHAN:

8,725 | PULIH: 8,520 |

ICU:

4

KEMATIAN:

122

KES BAHRU +7

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES
MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : NEWS/ NATION

BATTLING COVID-19

Malaysians, Noor Hisham praised by US surgeon

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's success and the Health Ministry's actions in handling the Covid-19 pandemic continue to receive praises from the international community.

Joining the list of people and groups in commending the efforts by Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah and his team in "flattening the curve" of infection in the country is a woman named Dr Julie Miller from the United States, who said she was a friend, colleague and fellow endocrine surgeon to Dr Noor Hisham.

Dr Miller took to social media yesterday and praised Malaysia, Dr Noor Hisham and Malaysians in general for coming together to break the deadly virus' chain of infection.

"A tale of two countries: Malaysia is an example of what happens when leaders listen to science and the population complies and supports their leadership."

"My friend and colleague, endocrine surgeon (Datuk Dr Noor) Hisham Abdullah, is the director-general of Health in Malaysia, and has directed their pandemic response. He made hard decisions early, even before Malaysia



Dr Julie Miller from the United States says Malaysians did well in coming together to break the deadly Covid-19 chain of infection. (Inset) Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

had its first case.

"Strict border control, testing, tracing and isolation, open, clear and consistent messaging, daily press conferences, and evidence and fact-based decisions. He has worked day and night since January. Elected officials have listened and implemented his advice," said Dr Miller on her Facebook account.

She went on and praised Malaysians for adhering to standard operating procedures (SOPs) enforced by the government throughout the Movement Control Order (MCO), Conditional MCO and Recovery MCO.

They include wearing face masks and practising good hygiene to protect themselves from the virus.

"As a result, Malaysia, a densely populated multicultural Asian

country, has done very well and Dr (Noor) Hisham is being hailed as a national hero. Science, not politics.

"Meanwhile, poor (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director) Dr (Anthony) Fauci is getting death threats. And look at the USA.

"I am at the same time very proud of my wise and hard-working friend and his fellow citizens, and very sad for my home country," she added.

Her social media posting was also shared by Dr Noor Hisham on his official Facebook account, which had garnered about 25,000 likes and over 1,000 shares up to 2.15pm on Monday.

"We should count our blessings and our success is collective efforts from everyone," said Dr Noor Hisham.

New cluster after local returns from Russia

KUALA LUMPUR: A new Covid-19 cluster involving close contacts of Malaysians returning from Russia has been detected in Melaka.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said to date, the ministry had discovered three cases and identified 14 close contacts related to the patients under investigation in the Novgorod cluster.

He said the first case for the cluster was Case 8,673, who had returned to the country from Russia on July 5.

"The result from the Covid-19 screening conducted at the country's international entry point showed the patient tested positive for the virus. The patient was subsequently admitted and treated at Sungai Buloh Hospital.

"The second from the cluster is Case 8,718, a friend of the first patient, who boarded the same flight (from the same cluster).

"The patient (Case 8,718) who initially tested negative for Covid-19, only displayed symptoms related to the virus, including fever, on July 7.

"Case 8,718 subsequently tested positive for Covid-19 after undergoing a repeat testing for the virus," said Dr Noor Hisham in a statement yesterday.

The third case from the cluster, he said, was Case 8,724 and the father of Case 8,718.

He said Case 8,724, together with three other family members, had travelled in the same car to

pick up Case 8,718 from the airport.

"Case 8,724 was found to be infected by the virus after he started developing a fever," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham also reminded all individuals in home quarantine to comply with the Covid-19 Management Guidelines.

Despite the new cluster, the number of Covid-19 daily cases had returned to a single digit with the ministry recording seven new cases in the last 24 hours.

Of the total, six were imported cases involving two Malaysians and four foreigners, who were permanent residents, or those allowed to enter the country for work.

The imported cases had returned or entered the country from Indonesia, Ukraine, Philippines, Australia, Japan and Egypt. Cumulatively, the country had 8,725 cases up to noon yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said there were only 83 active cases currently being treated at health facilities nationwide.

"The ministry would like to also state that a patient has been discharged from hospital, bringing the total number of people who have recovered from Covid-19 to 8,520 or 97.6 per cent of the cumulative cases."

"No Covid-19 fatalities were reported to the ministry," said Dr Noor Hisham, adding that the death toll in the country remained at 122.

AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 8
RUANGAN : NATION

Covid-19: Current situation globally (As of 7pm July 13, 2020)

Malaysia	New cases	Total cases	Total deaths	Total recovered
	7	8,725	122	8,520
China	83,602	76,981	57,006	46,283
Indonesia	4,634	3,656	1,599	26
Philippines	21,502	13,479	3,220	372
Singapore	289	58	0	331
Japan	12,204	3,090	350	156
S. Korea	3,090	3,090	261	141
Thailand	283,902	N/A	133	122
Vietnam	283,902	N/A	133	122
Myanmar	283,902	N/A	133	122
Cambodia	283,902	N/A	133	122
Brunei	283,902	N/A	133	122
Laos	283,902	N/A	133	122
Global Top 10	US	Brazil	India	Russia
Confirmed cases	3,414,105	1,866,176	879,888	733,699
Deaths	137,787	72,151	23,200	11,439
Recovered	1,517,560	1,213,512	554,888	504,021
			Peru	Chile
			Spain	Mexico
			UK	South Africa

Six returnees have Covid-19

New cases were among 793 M'sians coming back home

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PUTRAJAYA: Six Malaysians who returned from overseas were found to be Covid-19 positive, says Senior Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

They were among 793 citizens who returned on Sunday and had entered the country via the KL International Airport and KLIA2.

They returned from Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Qatar, Myanmar, Philippines, Taiwan, India, Laos, China and Hong Kong.

The six who were found to be Covid-19 positive were sent to hospital for treatment while the remaining 787 were ordered to



observe the 14-day mandatory quarantine at home," he said.

Also on Sunday, a total of 139 Malaysians entered the country via the Causeway, Second Link and Pasir Gudang port, and were ordered

to undergo home quarantine.

The minister also reported that a pub-goer was among 37 individuals arrested for violating the standard operating procedure enforced during the recovery movement control order (MCO).

He said 16 others were held for failing to practise social distancing.

With almost all economic and social activities allowed during the recovery MCO, the authorities have yet to allow pubs and nightclubs to operate.

The task force to check on SOP compliance carried out 62,253 inspections nationwide on Sunday to ensure there were no violations.

Ismail Sabri also said that 1,494 illegal immigrants had been arrested

for attempting to enter the country illicitly.

The arrests were made between May 1 and July 12.

The authorities had also arrested 249 tekong (boat captains) and 110 human traffickers.

The minister said 50 vessels and 191 vehicles of various types were seized during Op Benteng.

"Continuous efforts by the authorities including the police, maritime enforcement agency and border control agency will ensure any smuggling attempts, especially at the time of the Covid-19 pandemic, will be put to a stop," he added.

On Sunday, police had set up 65 Op Benteng roadblocks nationwide and checked 40,255 vehicles.

Selangor unveils third stimulus package, worth RM55.85bil

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SHAH ALAM: Selangor unveiled its third economic stimulus package worth RM55.85bil to mitigate the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Menri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari said the package, aimed at creating economic resilience, came with short and long-term economic recovery initiatives.

He said the Selangor Economic Recovery Plan would emphasise food security, economic sustainability and capacity building.

Under the food security initiative, he said nearly 8,000 people from the farming sector had benefited from an allocation of RM3mil to market their products through the Selangor Agro-Market programme during the movement control order (MCO) period.

"A total of 275 farmers were helped with the purchase and remarketing of their produce in 13 locations through direct selling, online (marketing) and pre-ordering. A sale of RM15mil had been recorded during the period," he said at the state assembly yesterday.

Amirudin added that under the food security initiative, the Selangor Agricultural Development Corp would initiate agriculture that optimised the use of state-owned land.

He said under the economic sustainability thrust, emphasis would be given to stimulating property development, ensuring infrastructure management, efficient water services, establishing a balance in the state's financial flow as well as upgrading the state's delivery system to become more flexible.

"To achieve this, Air Selangor has formulated a short-term business plan for three years and a long-term business plan for 30 years," he said.

Amirudin said under the capacity building thrust, the state would emphasise stoking the growth of the aerospace industry as a high-value industry with the coordination of talent from the state.



Sharp deterrence

Members of the 7th Squadron of the Royal Malaysian Army Engineer Regiment installing a barbed wire fence to ward off illegal immigrants and smugglers along the Thai-Malaysian border during Op Benteng Covid-19 at Pok Nik, Jeram Perdah. As many as 13 secured bases along the Golok River have been fenced off with barbed wire to ward off such activities. — Bernama

Health DG: Limit people going to airport

PETALING JAYA: The Health Ministry is advising Malaysians to limit the number of people going to pick up overseas arrivals, in light of a new Covid-19 cluster from Russia.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah also reminded those returning to minimise contact with others and to maintain social distancing.

He said three cases were detected in the "Novgorod cluster", with the first being a Malaysian returning from Russia on July 5.

He was found to be positive when screened during entry to Malaysia, before being admitted to the Sungai Buloh Hospital.

The second case was that of a friend of the first case who boarded the same flight and tested negative at the airport, only to display symptoms of the disease on July 7 and retest as positive, said Dr Noor Hisham.

One of his family members then tested positive for Covid-19.

Until yesterday, three positive cases were detected with 14 close contacts in the cluster, with all contacts testing negative so far.

"The investigation and activities to trace close contacts are actively continued," Dr Noor Hisham said in a statement yesterday.

He added that four family members had

picked up the second person, who later tested positive, from the airport.

Those under home surveillance, he said, should adhere to the guidelines provided, including staying at home at all times and limiting visitors to the home.

Dr Noor Hisham said that only a few family members should pick up those who just returned to the country.

He said he hopes that the public will cooperate to prevent the spread of the disease among family members.

Malaysia saw seven new cases yesterday, bringing the total number to 8,725 cases.

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Jadikan Malaysia terawal dapat vaksin

Tiga kementerian setuju bekerjasama peroleh kemudahan vaksin

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KUALA LUMPUR

Kementerian Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (Mosti) bersama Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) dan Kementerian Luar Negeri (KLN) bersetuju untuk bekerjasama bagi menjadikan Malaysia antara negara terawal mendapat akses kepada vaksin koronavirus (Covid-19).

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba berkata, persetujuan di antara tiga kementerian itu dicapai pada 21 April lalu dengan kolaboratif mencari peluang mewujudkan kerjasama strategik melibatkan badan antarabangsa, agensi dan syarikat tempatan.

Menurut beliau, ia bagi membolehkan negara memperoleh kemudahan pembangunan vaksin serta perubatan mencegah Covid-19.

"KKM akan terus memberikan komitmen dalam memas-



Malaysia berusaha memperoleh kemudahan pembangunan vaksin serta perubatan mencegah Covid-19. Gambar kecil: Adham Baba

tikan Malaysia mendapat manfaat kerjasama antarabangsa melalui pelbagai platform termasuk mesyuarat dua hala di antara KKM dengan kedutaan di negara ini," kata beliau pada Mesyuarat Kedua Persidangan Dewan Rakyat Penggal Ketiga Parlimen ke-14 di sini semalam.

Beliau menjawab pertanyaan lisan oleh **Nik Mohamad Abdur Nik Abdul Aziz (Pas-Bachok)** berhubung penglibatan Malaysia dalam usaha sama sektor perkhidmatan kesihatan yang dibangunkan negara lain bagi mengekang Covid-19.

Menurut Dr Adham, keraja-

an mengambil pendekatan *whole of government approach* dalam menangani penularan Covid-19 dan setiap kementerian ada peranan masing-masing termasuk mengadakan hubungan kolaboratif dengan negara asing serta agensi antarabangsa.

Selain itu, katanya, KKM bersama *focal point* International Health Regulation (IHR) 2005 negara-negara ahli WHO mengukuhkan platform komunikasi bagi memastikan maklumat warga asing yang dijangkiti Covid-19 dan dirawat dimaklumkan kepada negara ahli dengan kadar segera.

AKHBAR : THE SUN

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS

Seven new Covid cases, no death

PETALING JAYA: Seven new cases of Covid-19 were reported at noon yesterday, bringing the total number of infections detected in Malaysia to 8,725.

No death was reported, which leaves the death toll at 122 people.

Health director-general Datuk Seri Noor Hisham Abdullah said six of the cases were imported.

"Of the six imported cases, two were Malaysians and the rest are immigrants who are either permanent residents or those allowed into Malaysia for work purposes.

"The local transmission involve a Malaysian from the PUI Novgorod cluster," he said in a statement yesterday.

Noor Hisham also said nine cases were discharged yesterday, bringing the total number of patients to have recovered to 8,186, which is 95.3% of the total cases.

"This leaves only 83 active Covid-19 cases in Malaysia.

"Four of whom are being treated in intensive care units, with three needing ventilator assistance," he added.