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Penularan COVID-19

# Seramai 103 lagi pulih, 33 kes baharu

Satu kematian dilapor babit warganegara berumur 85 tahun

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**Putrajaya:** Seramai 103 lagi pesakit COVID-19 pulih, menjadikan jumlah terkumpul sebanyak 7,168 kes atau 85.3 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata bagi kes baharu pula sebanyak 33 kes dilaporkan sehingga jam 12 tengah hari semalam.

Katanya, pertambahan kes baharu itu menjadikan jumlah kes positif COVID-19 di negara ini

ialah 8,402 kes dengan jumlah kes aktif sebanyak 1,115 kes.

"Ingin dimaklumkan daripada 33 kes baharu yang dilaporkan, 16 kes adalah kes import yang mendapat jangkitan di luar negara dan 17 kes penularan di dalam negara. Daripada jumlah berkenaan sebanyak 14 individu bukan dalam kalangan warganegara dan tiga kes adalah dalam kalangan warganegara Malaysia.

"Perincian bagi tiga kes dalam kalangan warganegara berkenaan ialah masing-masing satu kes dari saringan kontak kepada kes positif di Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, kes saringan pusat



Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah pada sidang media harian berkaitan jangkitan COVID-19 di Putrajaya, semalam (Foto BERNAMA)

tafizi di Selangor dan kes saringan kepada kes kematian di dalam komuniti.

"Sehingga kini sebanyak empat kes sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dan tiada kes yang memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya pada sidang media harian COVID-19, di sini semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham turut memaklumkan terdapat pertambahan satu kes kematian yang dilaporkan yang menjadikan jumlah kes kematian disebabkan COVID-19 sebanyak 119 kes atau 1.42 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

"Kes kematian ke-119 iaitu kes ke-8,370 ialah seorang perempuan warganegara Malaysia berumur 85 tahun. Beliau disahkan meninggal dunia semalam (kelmarin) di rumahnya dan jenazahnya sudah dibawa ke Hospital Keeningau, Sabah.

"Ujian saringan ke atas wanita terbabit mendapati beliau dijangkiti COVID-19. Pihak Kementerian ingin mengucapkan takziah kepada keluarga mangsa," katanya.

Selain itu Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) menetapkan prosedur setiap pesakit perlu menjalani ujian

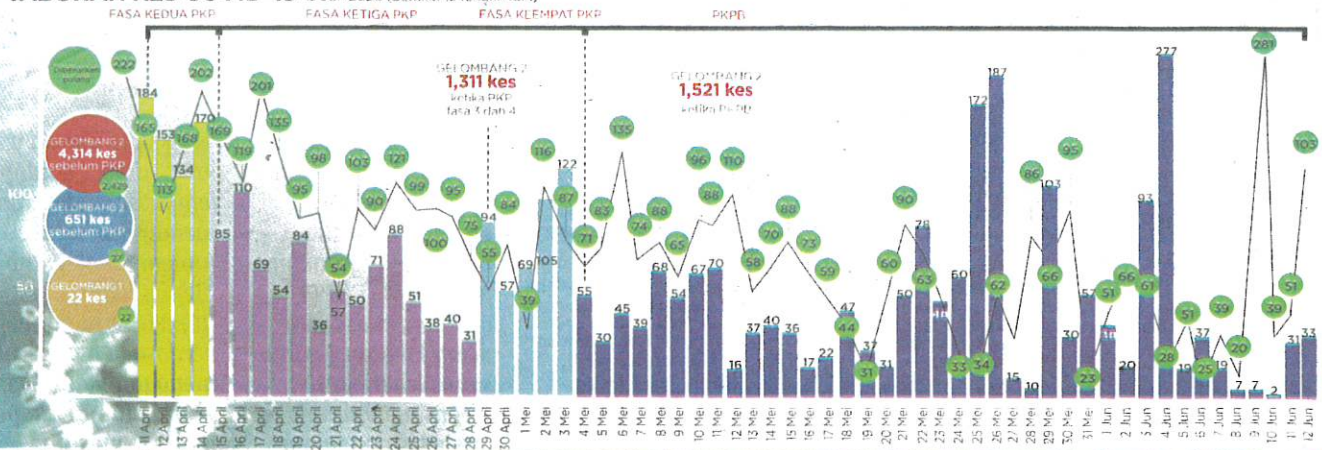
dan saringan COVID-19 sebelum operasi pembedahan dilakukan terhadap mereka.

Katanya, langkah itu penting untuk melindungi semua petugas kesihatan terutama doktor dan kakitangan yang terbabit dalam operasi pembedahan.

"Penting untuk doktor mengetahui status pesakit sama ada positif atau negatif COVID-19. Petugas kesihatan khususnya doktor dan yang lain diwajibkan memakai pakaian perlindungan diri (PPE) sebelum pembedahan dilakukan bagi melindungi mereka daripada dijangkiti virus itu," katanya.

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12 Jun 2020 (Setakat 12 tengah hari)



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# 40 kontak rapat tukang gunting jalani saringan

**Putrajaya:** Seramai 40 kontak rapat kepada tukang gunting rambut yang disahkan positif COVID-19 kelmarin, sudah dikenal pasti dan menjalani saringan kesihatan sebelum diarahkan kuarantin di rumah.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata semua kontak rapat ialah empat rakan serumah tukang gunting terbabit dan pelanggannya.

Katanya, lelaki warganegara Pakistan itu tidak membuka premisnya sejak pelaksanaan Perin-

tah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) yang bermula 18 Mac lalu tetapi memberi perkhidmatan berkenaan dari rumah ke rumah atas permintaan pelanggannya.

"Premis gunting rambut berkenaan dibuka kembali pada 10 Jun lalu dan majikan membawa individu terbabit menjalani saringan COVID-19 di sebuah klinik swasta sebelum disahkan positif. Dia sudah dibawa ke Hospital Sungai Buloh untuk mendapatkan rawatan selanjutnya.

"Sehingga semalam (kelmarin)

seramai 15 pelanggan sudah dikenal pasti menggunakan khidmatnya dikesan, buat masa ini kita masih mengenal pasti punca jangkitan terbabit," katanya di sini semalam.

Terdahulu, media melaporkan seorang lelaki warganegara Pakistan disahkan positif COVID-19 dan berkhidmat sebagai tukang gunting rambut di sebuah premis perniagaan di apartmen servis di Setapak, Kuala Lumpur.

Sementara itu, dalam perkembangan lain, Dr Noor Hisham turut

memaklumkan pihaknya bersama agensi berkaitan akan meneliti prosedur operasi standard (SOP) untuk mengundi bagi pesakit yang dikuarantin atau ditahan di wad akibat jangkitan COVID-19.

Beliau berkata, jika pesakit terbabit berada dalam keadaan tenat, ia memerlukan SOP khas bagi membolehkannya mengundi.

"Kita akan melihat senarai kes COVID-19 sama ada yang sedang menjalani kuarantin atau ditahan di wad kerana berada dalam keadaan tenat. Jika tenat, mungkin

kita tidak akan membenarkan keluar wad untuk mengundi.

"Maka, kita mengadakan SOP khas yang akan diteliti Kementerian dan pelbagai agensi sebelum ia dilaksanakan," katanya.

Sebelum ini, Suruhanjaya Pilihan Raya (SPR) dilaporkan akan menyediakan khemah khas dan pakaian perlindungan diri (PPE) kepada petugas serta pesakit COVID-19 yang bakal mengundi di pusat mengundi pada Pilihan Raya Kecil Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Chini, 4 Julai depan.



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40 CLOSE CONTACTS IDENTIFIED

## BARBERSHOP WORKER CONTRACTS COVID-19

Health D-G confirms report involving migrant worker warded in Sg Buloh Hospital

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**T**HE Health Ministry has confirmed reports that a barbershop worker in Kuala Lumpur had tested positive for Covid-19.

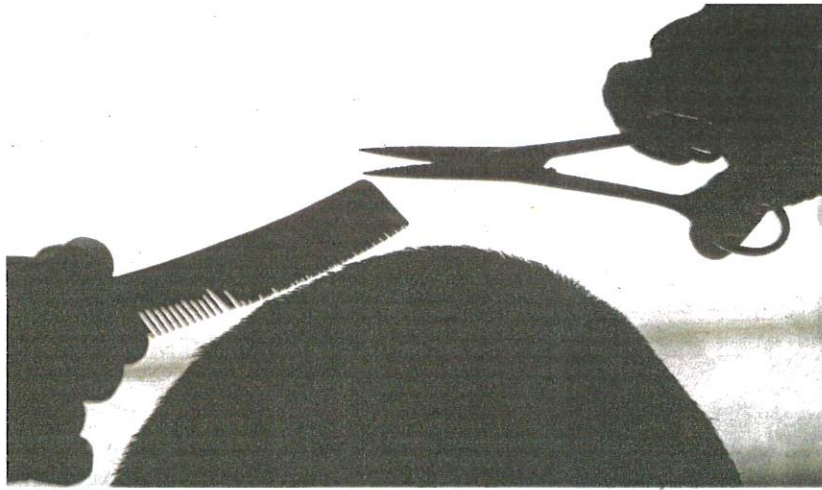
Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the Titiwangsa health office received a notification from a private hospital in the city of the positive case on Thursday, involving a Pakistani national.

"The shop where he worked was not in operation since the first phase of the Movement Control Order.

"However, he continued to provide house calls upon request by clients," he said at his daily press briefing yesterday.

He added that a total of 40 close contacts had been identified.

They included 36 customers, of which 21 were from house calls and 15 were those who came to the shop when it opened on Thursday.



Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah says there are more than 2,000 foreigners working in barbershops. FILE PIC

The other four close contacts were the man's housemates.

"All close contacts have been screened and were told to undergo quarantine at home."

Dr Noor Hisham said the man was currently warded at Sungai Buloh Hospital, adding that investigation into the source of his transmission was ongoing.

He said there were more than 2,000 foreigners working in barbershops, adding that part of the standard operating procedures

(SOP) was for all foreign workers in the country to undergo mandatory Covid-19 tests.

Meanwhile, Dr Noor Hisham said the ministry recorded 33 new Covid-19 cases up to noon yesterday, raising the total number of cases to 8,402.

He said one death was reported, taking the toll to 119.

The 119th death (Case 8,370) involved an 85-year-old woman who died in her home on Thursday.

Her remains were taken to the Keningau Hospital in Sabah, where she tested positive for Covid-19.

Among the 33 cases, 16 were imported while 17 were local transmissions.

"Nine of the imported cases were Malaysians returning from Egypt, two from the Netherlands, and one each from the United Kingdom, Vietnam, South Korea, Singapore and United Arab Emirates."

Out of the 17 locally-transmitted cases, 14 involved foreigners, and the remaining three were Malaysians.

"A total of 103 patients had recovered and were discharged from hospitals, bringing the total number of recoveries to 7,168 or 85.3 per cent.

"Active cases stand at 1,115," he added.

On the reopening of schools on June 24, Dr Noor Hisham said students who showed flu-like symptoms like cough or cold were advised to put on face masks apart from practising social distancing.

He said students were also advised not to gather at the canteen during recess and eat packed foods in their respective classrooms.

"If they can comply with the SOP, the infection rate in schools can be reduced to 65 or 70 per cent. An isolated treatment bay will also be provided to place the symptomatic students, where investigations can be carried out."

He hoped students would comply with the SOP, adding that the ministry would continue to learn and improve on the guidelines issued for school reopening.

On Wednesday, Education Minister Dr Mohd Radzi Md Jidin announced that classes involving Form Five, Form Six, Vocational and Malaysian Higher Islamic Religious Certificate (STAM) students nationwide would reopen beginning June 24.



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RUANGAN : NATION

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THE STAR, SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2020

Covid-19: Current situation globally (As of 7pm June 12, 2020)					Malaysia		New cases	Total cases	Total deaths	Total recovered		
						<b>33</b>	<b>8,402</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>7,168</b>			
Asean+	China	Singapore	Indonesia	Philippines	Japan	S. Korea	Thailand	Vietnam	Myanmar	Brunei	Cambodia	Laos
Confirmed cases	83,064	39,850	36,406	24,787	17,292	12,003	3,129	332	261	141	126	19
Deaths	4,634	25	2,048	1,052	920	277	58	0	6	2	0	0
Recovered	78,365	27,286	13,213	5,454	15,383	10,669	2,987	321	165	138	125	19
Global Top 10	US	Brazil	Russia	India	UK	Spain	Italy	Peru	Germany	Iran		
Confirmed cases	2,089,825	805,649	511,423	298,283	291,409	289,787	236,142	214,788	186,795	180,156		
Deaths	116,035	41,058	6,715	8,501	41,279	27,136	34,167	6,109	8,851	8,584		
Recovered	816,174	396,692	269,370	147,195	N/A	N/A	171,338	102,429	171,600	142,663		

# Another 33 new cases detected

## Sixteen imported infections involving M'sians who returned from abroad

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The number of daily Covid-19 cases in Malaysia hit the double digits for another day with 33 new infections detected.

This came about after the country recorded just between two and seven cases from Monday to Wednesday.

On Thursday, 31 infections were detected.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said out of the 33 new cases, 16 were imported infections involving Malaysians who returned from abroad.

Three of the local transmission cases involved Malaysians.

One was a close contact of patient No. 7735 in Kuala Lumpur and another was detected from a health screening conducted in a

tahfiz in Selangor.

The third case was an 85-year-old woman who died on Thursday at her home in Sabah and was detected to be Covid-19 positive during a post-mortem.

The source of infection is still under investigation.

Dr Noor Hisham also said 103 cases had been discharged.

This means 7,168 patients have recovered from Covid-19 in Malaysia since the outbreak began.

There are now 1,115 active cases being treated at the country's health facilities.

Four are being treated at intensive care units but none are on ventilator support.

Meanwhile, a barber who tested positive for Covid-19 had conducted illegal house-to-house services during the movement control order (MCO).

"The case is a Pakistan national who works at a barbershop.

"Based on investigations, the shop was closed throughout the MCO period since March 18.

"However, this barber continued to provide house-to-house hair cutting services to clients in the nearby area," he said.

He said 25 close contacts of the barber had been identified.

They comprised 21 clients and four of his housemates.

"The shop resumed business on June 10, and after testing positive for the virus on June 11, we identified another 15 people who had close contact with the barber.

"In total, 40 close contacts have been identified and all have been screened and are currently under quarantine," said Dr Noor Hisham at the ministry's daily Covid-19 press conference.

The barber was sent for Covid-19 testing by his employer, which is a requirement for all barbershops that hire foreigners.

Dr Noor Hisham said the barber was admitted to Hospital Sungai Buloh on June 11.

"We have yet to identify the source of the virus and investigation is ongoing," he said.

On the cost of personal protective equipment (PPE) worn by medical staff being borne by patients at private hospitals, Dr Noor Hisham explained that it was only necessary if the patient had not been screened for Covid-19.

"If a patient who is being treated for something else but has not tested negative for Covid-19, the staff must wear PPE; that is the recommendation of the ministry.

"At private hospitals, the cost of the PPE worn by the doctors will be

charged to the patient.

"If you take a Covid-19 test prior to treatment and are declared negative, that is a more cost effective way," he added.

On whether it should be compulsory for school children to wear face masks in light of the high number of asymptomatic cases, Dr Noor Hisham said social distancing procedures were more important.

"If you comply with social distancing rules, you can prevent the spread of Covid-19 by 65%.

"For now, only those who are symptomatic should wear masks," he said.

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[thestartv.com](https://www.thestartv.com)



In his element: Dr Noor Hisham and his operating theatre staff.  
— Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah's Facebook

## Health DG happy to perform surgery again

**PETALING JAYA:** Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, who has been giving the daily briefing on Covid-19, said it was refreshing to be able to squeeze some time from his hectic schedule to perform a surgery.

"This morning, I managed to squeeze some time to perform a thyroidectomy for a patient diagnosed with right dominant multinodular goitre.

"Indeed, it was refreshing to be in the operating room again to calm my 'withdrawal symptoms' and meet all my operating theatre staff," he said, adding that he was also briefed on the workflow and standard operating procedure (SOP) for Covid-19 positive patients who needed surgery.

Dr Noor Hisham said each day brings a new lesson and challenges

for frontliners to prepare for the worst, adding that he was amazed by the ingenuity, strength and creativity shown by frontliners.

"As the pandemic crisis unfolds, it has taught us many valuable lessons of unity and solidarity.

"The onus is on us to take all precautionary measures and maintain good personal hygiene.

"We are able to connect with each other better and continue to work to explore new ideas and innovations."

Dr Noor Hisham said Malaysia is currently in the recovery phase, as he pointed out that the real challenge starts now for Malaysians to comply with the SOP.

"The rakyat can make the impossible possible as there is now hope and light at the end of the tunnel to end the Covid-19 transmission."



AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : NATION

## SMG gives 1,000 Kuntum copies to hospitals

PETALING JAYA: Star Media Group (SMG) Bhd has contributed 1,000 copies of Kuntum magazine to two hospitals as an appreciation to the medical frontliners in their fight against the Covid-19 outbreak.

The magazines are meant for the children of the medical personnel from Hospital Sungai Buloh and Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL).

Kuntum editor Norlia Jaafar said the contribution was part of its corporate social responsibility towards people who had been working tirelessly in maintaining public health.

"We hope the magazines will bring some cheer to their children at home who are unable to attend school.

"This magazine provides educa-



**Generous contribution:** (From left) Siti Aishah, Sharifah Thuraizah and Shahrina in a light moment during the handing over ceremony at Hospital Sungai Buloh.

tional information and we hope it will cultivate a reading habit among them," she said.

Elated to accept the contribution was HKL corporate communications head Norazah Muhamad Azha.

She said the copies would be dis-

tributed in stages to the personnel.

"Some copies will also be placed at the children's paediatric ward, while some will be sent to Hospital Tunku Azizah, Kampung Baru for visitors to read," she said.

Receiving the copies on behalf of Hospital Sungai Buloh was public

relations officer Shahrina Abdul Samad, who thanked SMG for the contribution.

Also present at the handing over ceremonies were Kuntum circulation unit executive officer Sharifah Thuraizah Syed Hassan and journalist Siti Aishah Shah Bani.