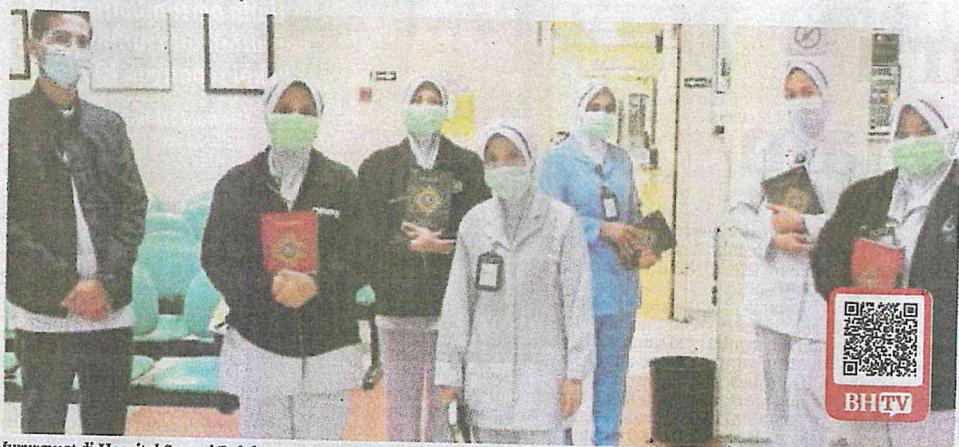


AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN**MUKA SURAT : 3****RUANGAN : NASIONAL***Penularan COVID-19**Jururawat di Hospital Sungai Buloh antara petugas barisan hadapan berkhidmat untuk negara mengekang COVID-19.*

‘Jururawat wira, wirawati negara’

Kuala Lumpur: Pengorbanan yang dilakukan jururawat ketika negara sedang berhadapan dengan wabak COVID-19 adalah tindakan sangat terpuji, demikian menurut Perdana Menteri Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Menyifatkan jururawat sebagai wira dan wirawati negara, Muhyiddin dalam uca-

pannya sempena Hari Jururawat Sedunia, semalam, berkata tidak ramai rakyat Malaysia memiliki kesabaran seperti jururawat untuk berhadapan dengan situasi kerja yang begitu mencabar serta berisiko tinggi.

“Setiap tahun pada hari ini (semalam), jururawat di seluruh dunia diraikan seba-

gai tanda penghargaan terhadap sumbangan mereka dalam sektor kesihatan negara.

“Tetapi pada tahun ini, sambutan Hari Jururawat Sedunia menjadi lebih bermakna bukan sahaja buat Malaysia, tetapi di seluruh dunia,” katanya dalam laman Facebook dan Twitter.

Beliau pada masa sama merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada jururawat di seluruh negara terhadap usaha keras mereka.

Disambut pada 12 Mei setiap tahun, Hari Jururawat Sedunia pada tahun ini bertemakan *A Voice to Lead: Nursing The World To Health.*

BERNAMA

*Jasa anda tiada bandingnya,
anda berkurban masa, tenaga
serta perasaan demi menuaikan
tugas untuk pastikan kesihatan rakyat
terjamin dan negara terpelihara.*

*Dr Adham Baba,
Menteri Kesihatan*

*Terima kasih atas sumbangan
dan komitmen anda sebagai
barisan hadapan dan belakang tabir
dalam peperangan kita membendung
penularan wabak COVID-19.*

*Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah,
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan*

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

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Nasional

RABU, 13 MEI 2020 BH

Penularan COVID-19

16 kes baharu dilapor semalam

Jumlah harian terendah pernah dicatat sejak pelaksanaan PKP

Putrajaya: Sebanyak 16 kes baharu COVID-19 dilaporkan semalam, sekali gus menjadi jumlah harian terendah pernah dicatatkan sejak Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) dilaksanakan pada 18 Mac lalu.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata daripada jumlah itu, sembilan kes adalah dalam kalangan bukan warganegara.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata,

terdapat tiga kes import dan 13 kes penularan tempatan.

Beliau berkata, ini menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes positif COVID-19 di negara ini sebanyak 6,742 kes, manakala jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjngkitan COVID-19 ialah 1,410 kes.

Katanya, bagi kes sembah pula sebanyak 110 kes dilaporkan semalam dan menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes sebanyak 5,223 kes atau 77.5 peratus dari jumlah keseluruhan kes.

"Hari ini (semalam) tiada pertambahan kes kematian dan jumlahnya kekal sebanyak 109 kes, iaitu 1.62 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes," katanya pada sidang media harian COVID-19 di sini, semalam.

Dalam perkembangan lain,

beliau berkata seramai 65 petugas kesihatan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) dikesan positif COVID-19.

Katanya, ia hasil saringan sehingga semalam membabitkan sebanyak 11,470 sampel.

Menurutnya, saringan COVID-19 juga dilakukan ke atas semua pesakit sebelum menjalani pembedahan kecemasan dan separa kecemasan di hospital kerajaan.

"Sehingga 12 Mei, terdapat tujuh kes yang dikesan positif COVID-19 daripada 8,528 jumlah pesakit yang disaring berkenaan iaitu 0.08 peratus.

"KKM juga menjalankan analisis surveyan pasif di mana ia merangkumi notifikasi yang diterima di Pusat Kesiapsiaga-



an dan Tindak Cepat Krisis Kebangsaan (CPRC) bagi kes yang dikesan sebagai Pesakit Di bawah Siasatan (PUS) daripada pada sifit KKM dan swasta.

"Setakat ini terdapat 95 kes positif dikesan daripada 30,155 ujian yang dijalankan di makam-makam swasta ini iaitu 0.32 peratus," katanya.

Katanya, aktiviti surveyan di negara ini dipergiatkan dengan proaktif dan banyak ujian mak-

mal dijalankan.

"Meskipun begitu, kadar positif yang dikesan melalui aktiviti surveyan adalah menurun dan kekal rendah buat masa ini."

KKM menekankan keupahan orang ramai kepada Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB), normal baharu adalah amat penting dalam menentukan kadar kes positif COVID-19 di Malaysia sama ada meningkat atau menurun.

KKM saring 25,156 warga asing kesan jangkitan

Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) sudah menyaring 25,156 warga asing bagi menges jangkitan COVID-19.

Ketua Pengaruhnya, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata daripada jumlah itu seramai 1,211 orang didapati positif atau 4.8 peratus.

Beliau berkata, seramai 495 orang pula sedang mendapatkan rawatan di hospital (50.9 peratus) dan empat kes kematian dicatatkan dalam kalangan warga asing.

"Tiga kes sedang dirawat di

ICU (unit rawatan rapi) atau 0.6 peratus.

"Mereka yang pulih sepenuhnya 712 kes bersamaan 58.8 peratus dan juga membabitkan empat kes kematian dalam kalangan warga negara setakat ini," katanya pada sidang media harian di Putrajaya semalam.

Mengenai kes dua beradik yang positif COVID-19 di Perak, kelmarin, beliau berkata ia berkemungkinan kes sporadik.

Beliau menjelaskan, status ujian kedua-dua beradik itu po-

sifit hanya diketahui sebaik mereka menjalani ujian saringan sebelum kembali bekerja.

"Kalau kita lihat (kes) yang telah dikenal pasti ini mungkin kes sporadik. Kalau dapat kes sebalik dia (kedua-dua beradik itu) menjalankan ujian sebelum mereka kembali bekerja."

"Jadi keupahan kiland atau individu yang menjalankan saringan adalah balaik sebab kita dapat kenal pasti kes

yang sporadik dan kes sporadik (di Malaysia) tidak rame dan semakin berkurban," katanya.

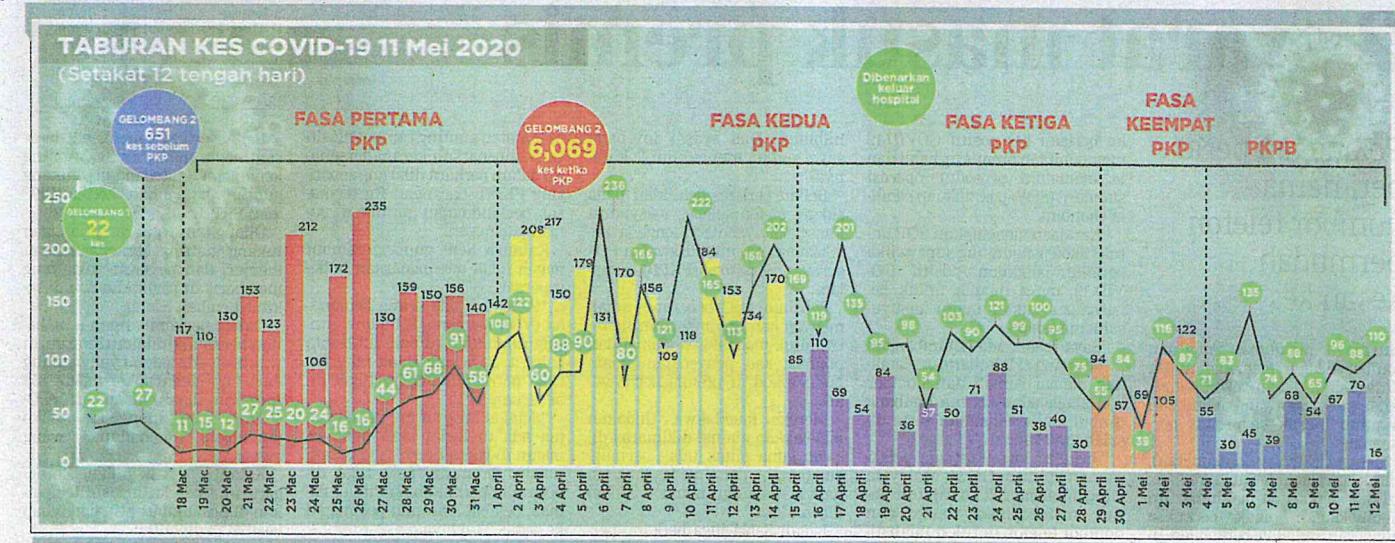
Dalam pada itu, katanya, Kementerian yakin rakyat boleh mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) ketika pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) bagi memutuskan rantai COVID-19.

Katanya, Malaysia boleh mengurangkan lebih banyak kes. Tetapi, kita kena lakukan sejarah jika kita mahu berjaya mengelakkan rantaian jangkitan COVID-19 di negara ini," katanya.

berusaha mengelakkan penularan wabak itu.

"Saya dimaklumkan oleh IGP (Ketua Polis Negara) bahawa keupahan kita terhadap PKPB hampir 90 peratus. Jadi, kita kena fokus baki 10 peratus.

"Selain itu, jika industri atau pasar raya mematuhi SOP yang KKM berikan, saya yakin kita mampu mengurangkan lebih banyak kes. Tetapi, kita kena lakukan sejarah jika kita mahu berjaya mengelakkan rantaian jangkitan COVID-19 di negara ini," katanya.



Grafik BH

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : LOKAL

KKM perkenal Sistem baharu

Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) menyedari isu kesesakan di hospital dan klinik kendaliannya, sekali gus bermasalah untuk melakukan penjarakan sosial ketika wabak Covid-19 masih belum berakhir.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah sehubungan itu berkata, pihaknya merancang pelbagai sistem baharu untuk menangani isu itu termasuk kaedah atau sistem menunggu giliran di dalam kenderaan sendiri sebelum dirawat atau bertemu pegawai perubatan.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 6
RUANGAN : LOKAL

Putrajaya: Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) merekodkan sebanyak 81 kes positif jangkitan Covid-19 dalam kalangan pesakit Influenza (ILI) dan Jangkitan Pernafasan Akut Teruk (SARI).

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, ia di sambutan menerusi aktiviti surveyan dilakukan KKM bagi tempoh 18 minggu epid.

Beliau berkata, aktiviti surveyan itu bertindak sebagai sistem pengesahan awal dan sistem amaran awal kes jangkitan Covid-19 di Malaysia.

"Aktiviti merangkumi surveyan klinikal iaitu pengesahan dan persampelan kes ILI di lokasi sentinel (iaitu Klinik Kesihatan KKM) seluruh negara dan kes SARI di semua hospital KKM."

"Setakat minggu epid ke-18, 9,010 sampel diambil daripada pesakit kes ILI dan



ANGGOTA perubatan melakukan saringan Covid-19 terhadap penduduk sekitar Seksyen 3, Petaling Jaya, semalam.

SARI. Daripada jumlah itu, 81 sampel disahkan positif Covid-19 iaitu 0.9 peratus.

sampel atau 0.94 peratus manakala kes SARI membabitkan 67 kes positif daripada 7,416 sampel atau 0.9 peratus," katanya.

Beliau berkata denukian pada sidang media harian perkembangan terkini Covid-19 di Putrajaya, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, secara keseluruhan ada penurunan kes positif Covid-19 dikesan melalui SARL RI.

"Jika dibandingkan minggu epid ke-13, kadar positif 8.7 peratus iaitu 25 kes dikesan daripada 288 sampel SARI."

"Pada minggu epid ke-18 pula, kadar positif adalah 0.13 peratus iaitu satu kes dikesan daripada 772 sampel SARI."

"Ini menunjukkan pengesahan kes SARI yang serius dan sederhana serius dalam kalangan pesakit Covid-19 adalah semakin berkurangan," katanya.



KADAR JANGKITAN COVID-19
16 kes sahaja!

TAKTANGAN KKM membuat bincian dari rumah ke rumah di kawasan PKPD Petaling Jaya, semalam.



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Putrajaya

J angkitan baharu Covid-19 dalam negara hanya merekodkan 16 kes

semalam dan terendah sejak 13 Mac lalu, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes keseluruhan penularan wabak itu 6,742 kes setakat ini.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, daripada 16 kes baharu yang dilaporkan itu, ada tiga kes import dan 13 kes penularan tempatan dengan keseluruhannya membabitkan sembilan kes dalam kalangan bukan warga Malaysia

Beliau berkata, jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya daripada jangkitan Covid-19 dalam negara juga terus meningkat kepada 5,223 kes dengan kadar kesembuhan 77.5 peratus, se-

malam.

Menurutnya, peningkatan itu susulan pertambahan 110 lagi kes pulih dan dibenarkan dicaj daripada fasiliti Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) selain melebihi bilangan kes baharu yang dilaporkan.

"Keseluruhannya, jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 adalah 1,410 kes."

"Seramai 16 pesakit dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU), tiga daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya ketika sidang media harian Covid-19 di sini, semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, tiada ke-

6,742
 Jumlah kumulatif kes keseluruhan wabak Covid-19

5,223
 Jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya dan jangkitan

matian berkaitan jangkitan Covid-19 dilaporkan kepada Pusat Kesihatan dan Tindak Cepat Krisis Kebangsaan (CPRC) setakat jam 12 tengah hari, semalam.

65 petugas KKM dikesan positif Covid-19

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Beliau berkata denukian pada sidang media harian perkembangan terkini Covid-19 di Putrajaya, semalam.

Menurutnya, aktiviti surveyan di negara ini dipergiat dengan proaktif dan banyak ujian makmal dijalankan.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 8A
RUANGAN : LOKAL



AL-SULTAN Abdullah

Kuala Lumpur: Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah dan Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah menzahirkan ucapan Selamat Hari Jururawat Sedunia kepada semua jururawat di negara ini.

Istana Negara dalam kenyataan di sini, semalam memaklumkan, Seri Paduka Baginda berdua amat menyantung tinggi perjuangan jururawat atas jasa bakti dan

Sanjung tinggi khidmat jururawat

sumbangan mereka kepada keselamatan serta kesihatan masyarakat.

Menurut kenyataan itu, khidmat dan pengorbanan terhadap masa serta penatalah dihulur jururawat sebagai benteng utama bersama petugas barisan hadapan lain dalam usaha membendung penularan wabak Covid-19 amat dihargai oleh Seri Paduka Baginda berdua.

"Seri Paduka Baginda amat menghargai komitmen dan dedikasi tinggi jururawat dalam menjalankan tanggungjawab serta tugas merawat pesakit.

"Jururawat antara asset sangat penting bagi Kementerian Kesihatan dan negara. Syabas dan terima kasih atas perkhidmatan kesihatan dan jasa khidmat kepada masyarakat. Anda semua merawat pesakit. Anda semua wira dan wirawati kami!"

menurut kenyataan dimuat naik dalam Instagram Istana Negara, semalam.

Sementara itu, dalam satu video berdurasi 2.27 minit, Raja Permaisuri Agong bertitah baginda amat menghargai pengorbanan semua jururawat yang sanggup mengelepak nyawa sendiri demi membantu individu dijangkiti Covid-19.

Baginda turut mendoakan semoga Allah SWT

membalas jasa semua jururawat memberi perkhidmatan begitu ikhlas kepada semua rakyat Malaysia tanpa mengira bangsa dan agama.

"Saya tabik kepada semua *nurses* yang jalankan tugas begitu berat ini, tidak kira kesihatan mereka sendiri. Saya doa semoga anda semua sihat walafiat, tidak dijangkiti dan sama-sama kita mainkan peranan menghentikan rantai Covid-19 ini," titah baginda. - Bernama

RINGKAS

Wajar hayati semangat Rufaidah

Putrajaya: "Sebagaimana kita mengenali Florence Nightingale, kita juga wajar mengenali dan menghayati sejarah jururawat dunia Islam," kata Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri (Hal Ehwal Agama), Datuk Dr Zulkifli Mohamad Al-Bakri.

Menurutnya, umat Islam wajar mengenali Rufaidah Saad Al Aslamiyah kerana beliau seorang jururawat terkenal dalam dunia perubatan Islam suatu ketika dahulu.

"Kita masih berada dalam tempoh yang sukar menghadapi wabak Covid-19 dan ketika ini saya doakan jururawat mempunyai kebijaksanaan, kecekalan dan semangat juang yang tinggi seperti Rufaidah."

"Semoga jururawat kita sentiasa tabah dan cemerlang dalam menghadapi pandemik ini dan Selamat Hari Jururawat Sedunia daripada saya. Amin," katanya di laman Facebook miliknya semalam.

'Merekalah wira tidak didendang'

Kuala Lumpur: Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah menyifatkan jururawat sebagai tulang belakang sektor kesihatan negara dan juga diibaratkan sebagai wira tidak didendang.

Bercakap demikian sempena Hari Jururawat Sedunia 2020 semalam, beliau meminta jururawat terus teguh khususnya ketika negara berhadapan pandemik Covid-19.

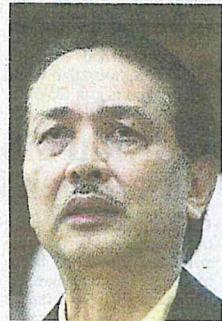
Menurutnya, barisan jururawat boleh dianggap sebagai wira tidak didendang.

"Saya ingin mengucapkan selamat Hari Jururawat kepada semua jururawat seluruh Malaysia di mana sahaja berada."

"Tanggungjawab anda sangat besar dalam perawatan pesakit tanpa mengira tempatnya.

"Terima kasih di atas sumbangan dan komitmen anda sebagai barisan hadapan dan belakang tabir dalam peperangan kita untuk membendung penularan wabak Covid-19," katanya dalam ucapan disiarkan di TV1.

Beliau berkata, sambutan Hari Jururawat pada 12 Mei setiap tahun adalah pengiktirafan di atas sumbangan



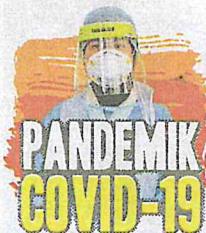
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Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

jururawat sebagai wira dan wirawati negara.

"*You are the unsung heroes.* Kita teruskan perjuangan kita, kita teguh bersama, kita mesti menang," katanya.



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Kuala Lumpur

Rata-rata jururawat di seluruh negara menyifatkan hadiah paling bermakna untuk sambutan Hari Jururawat Sedunia 2020 adalah terhpusnya Covid-19.

Sejak virus pandemik berkenaan menular ke negara ini jururawat antara barisan hadapan dan belakang tabir terbabit secara langsung tanpa mengira masa memangnya.

Jururawat di Klinik Dermatologi Hospital Sungai Buloh (HSB), Noor Hayza Abu Hamid, 43, berkata, harapannya ketika ini ialah Covid-19 segera terhpus.

"Terima kasih menghargai kami. Harapan sebagai jururawat, semoga Covid-19 ini cepat habis."

"Saya dengan pesakit Covid-19 bukanlah barisan hadapan sekali. Pakai sut peralatan perlindungan diri (PPE) pun hanya pada Khamis dan Jumaat."

"Ini kerana setiap Khamis dan Jumaat ada klinik Covid-19 untuk pesakit sudah sihat serta dibenarkan keluar dari wad sebelum ini ada temuanji pertemuan susulan dengan pihak hospital," katanya ketika dihubungi Harian Metro.

Menurutnya, tugasnya termasuk melakukan semula swab test atau ujian caitan tekak terhadap bekas pesakit Covid-19 yang hadir temu janji itu.

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Noor Hayza Abd Hamid



Noor Hayza berkata, bekas pesakit perlu hadir di klinik itu untuk pemeriksaan semula sebagai langkah pencegahan mereka tidak dijangkiti se-

mula atau menjadi pembawa virus itu.

"Kita buat pemeriksaan serta ujian semula di hidung dan tekak bekas pesakit itu bagi memastikan tidak berlakunya jangkitan berulang."

"Balik rumah saya tak peluk anak-anak hinggakan mereka cakap 'ibu ni tak sayang kita dah...', memang sedih, namun mesti tabah," katanya.

Hakikatnya, beliau berkata disebabkan sayanglah dia tidak memukul mereka iaitu Amanina, 16; Adam Fitri, 13, dan Atikah, 9, hasil perkongsian hidup dengan suaminya Muhammad Isa Wahab, 48.

Menurutnya, klinik susulan di Hospital Sungai Buloh untuk Covid-19 dibuka antara jam 8 pagi hingga 5 petang pada Khamis dan Jumaat itu biasanya menerima sekitar 40 pesakit sehari.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) amat menghargai semua jururawat di negara ini.

"Sesuai dengan tema Hari Jururawat Sedunia 2020, *A Voice to Lead: Nursing The World To Health*, golongan jururawat adalah pelengkap sektor kesihatan."

"Jururawat adalah tulang belakang dan KKM amat menghargai jasa mereka. Semoga kita terus teguh dan kita mesti menang," katanya.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19



MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

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'Semua kena patuh SOP'

Malaysia bakal berdepan gelombang baharu Covid-19 jika tidak patuh SOP

Oleh TUAN BUQHAIRAH
TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN dan
NURUL HUDA HUSAIN

PUTRAJAYA

Negara tidak terkecuali bakal berdepan dengan gelombang baharu jangkitan koronavirus (Covid-19) sekiranya semua pihak tidak mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang ditetapkan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM).

Tegas Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, perkara itu tidak mustahil berlaku sama seperti dialami di Wuhan, China dan Korea Selatan yang kini sedang dilanda gelombang kedua selepas sebulan bebas wabak itu.

"Kita kena pastikan masyarakat dapat mengikuti semua SOP yang telah di gariskan oleh KKM," katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, hasil keputusan yang dicapai semalam adalah usaha yang dijalankan 14 hari lalu.

"Semasa kita laksanakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) fasa satu hingga empat, kita berjaya melandaikan graf dan menurunkan kes jangkitan baharu kepada dua digit," katanya.

Menurutnya, tahap kepatuhan rakyat terhadap PKP pada kadar 90 peratus juga menjadi faktor pententu.

"Saya dimaklumkan oleh Ketua Polis Negara, Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Bador bahwa kepatuhan sekitar 90 peratus dan kita akan terus memberi tumpuan kepada bakinya, 10 peratus.

"Jika mahu menang, kita perlu bersatu dan semua pihak hendaklah



DR NOOR HISHAM *

mematuhi SOP. Saya yakin kita boleh lakukannya. Malaysia boleh," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham memaklumkan Malaysia semalam merekodkan kes positif baru wabak Covid-19 terendah iaitu sebanyak 16 kes sejak PKP dilaksana pada 18 Mac lalu.

Menurutnya, daripada jumlah itu, sembilan kes adalah dalam kalangan bukan warganegara Malaysia.

Dalam perkembangan sama, beliau turut memaklumkan terdapat 110 kes telah pulih dan dibenarkan discaj menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih adalah sebanyak 5,223 kes.

"Ingin dimaklumkan juga tiada kes kematian berkaitan wabak tersebut direkodkan hari ini (semalam) menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes kematian Covid-19 di Malaysia kekal sebanyak 109 orang," katanya.

2 beradik positif Covid-19 di Perak mungkin kes sporadik

PUTRAJAYA - Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) tidak menolak kemungkinan dua beradik yang disahkan positif wabak koronavirus (Covid-19) di Perak pada Ahad lalu adalah kes sporadik.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, ia selepas ujian saringan yang dilakukan mendapati mereka positif wabak itu meskipun dua bulan duduk di rumah.

"Kalau kita lihat (kes) yang telah dikenal pasti ini mungkin kes sporadik. Kita dapat kesan (kes dua beradik itu) sebab dia menjalankan ujian sebelum kembali bekerja."

"Jadi kepatuhan kilang tersebut atau individu tersebut yang menjalankan saringan adalah baik sebab kita dapat kenal pasti kes-kes yang sporadik dan kes sporadik (di Malaysia) tidak ramai dan semakin berkurangan," katanya di sini semalam.

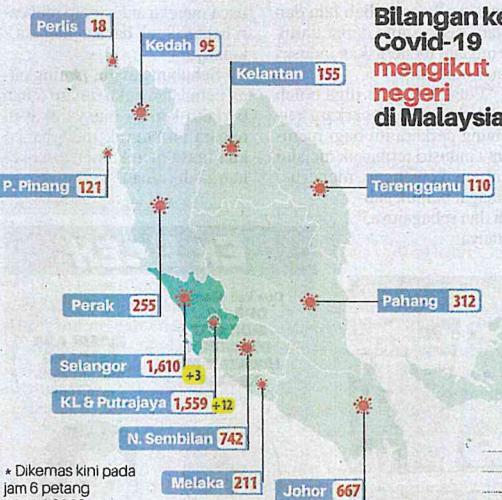
Beliau berkata demikian ketika diminta mengulas mengenai kes dua beradik tersebut yang didapati positif Covid-19 meskipun hanya berada di rumah dalam tempoh dua bulan.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) akan terus mempergiatkan aktiviti surveyan meskipun terdapat penurunan kes positif Covid-19 yang dikesan melalui Jangkitan Pernafasan Akut Teruk (SARI) atau Influenza Like Illness (ILI).

"Sekali lagi, KKM ingin menekankan bahawa kepatuhan orang ramai kepada Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat amat penting dalam menentukan kadar kes positif Covid-19 di Malaysia," katanya.

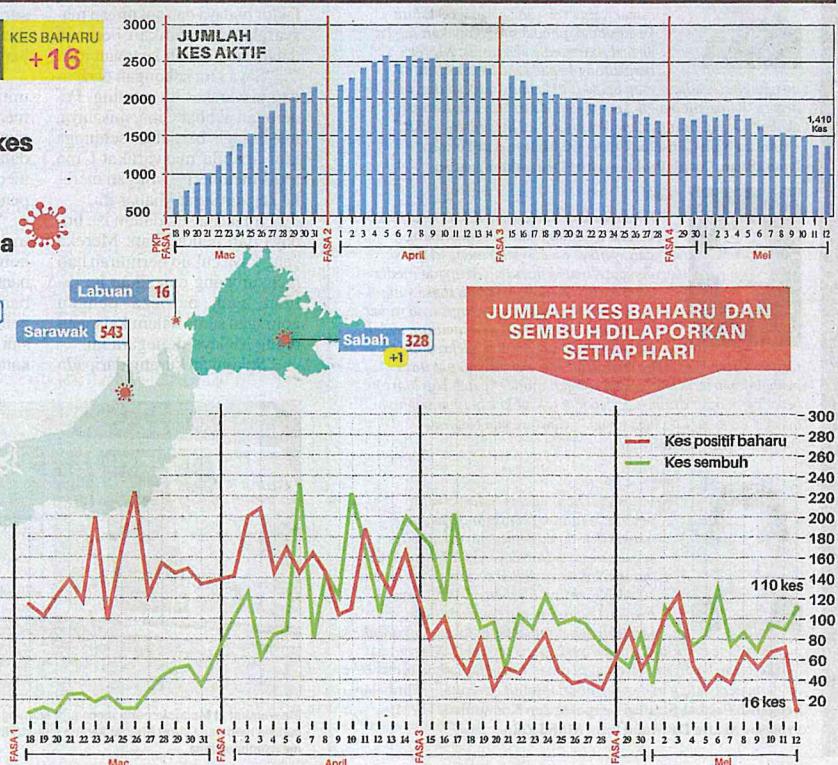
SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM

JUMLAH KESELURUHAN: 6,742 | PULIH: 5,223 | ICU: 16 | KEMATIAN: 109 | KES BAHARU +16



Jumlah jangkitan Covid-19 di Malaysia semalam meningkat daripada 6,726 kes kepada 6,742 kes

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MUKA SURAT : 12

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19



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Jururawat adalah wira, wirawati negara

KUALA LUMPUR - Pengorbanan yang dilakukan oleh jururawat ketika negara sedang berhadapan dengan wabak koronavirus (Covid-19) adalah suatu tindakan yang sangat terpuji, kata Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Menyifatkan jururawat sebagai wira dan wirawati negara, Muhyiddin dalam ucapan bersempena Hari Jururawat Sedunia semalam menarik perhatian bahawa tidak ramai rakyat Malaysia yang memiliki kecekalan dan kesabaran seperti mereka untuk berhadapan dengan situasi kerja yang begitu mencabar dan berisiko tinggi.

"Setiap tahun pada hari ini, jururawat di seluruh dunia diraikan sebagai tanda penghargaan terhadap sumbangan mereka dalam sektor kesihatan negara.

"Tetapi pada tahun ini, sambutan Hari Jururawat Sedunia menjadi lebih bermakna bukan sahaja buat Malaysia tetapi di seluruh dunia," katanya dalam laman Facebook dan Twitter semalam.

Beliau pada masa sama merakam settinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada para jururawat di seluruh negara terhadap usaha keras mereka selama ini.

Disambut pada 12 Mei setiap tahun, Hari Jururawat Sedunia pada tahun ini bertemakan *A Voice to Lead: Nursing The World To Health*. - Bernama



MUHYIDDIN

Agong, Raja Permaisuri zahirkan ucapan Selamat Hari Jururawat

KUALA LUMPUR - Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah dan Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah menzahirkan ucapan Selamat Hari Jururawat Sedunia kepada semua jururawat di negara ini.

Istana Negara dalam satu kenyataan memaklumkan Seri Paduka Baginda berdua amat menyanjung tinggi perjuangan jururawat atas jasa bakti dan sumbangan mereka kepada keselamatan dan kesihatan masyarakat.

Menurut kenyataan itu, khidmat dan pengorbanan tanpa mengira masa dan penat lelah yang dihulur oleh jururawat sebagai benteng utama bersama petugas barisan hadapan yang lain dalam usaha membendung penularan wabak koronavirus (Covid-19) amat dihargai oleh Seri Paduka Baginda berdua.

"Seri Paduka Baginda amat menghargai komitmen dan dedikasi tinggi jururawat dalam menjalankan tanggungjawab dan tugas merawat pesakit."

"Jururawat adalah antara aset yang sangat penting bagi Kementerian Kesihatan dan negara. Syabas dan terima kasih atas perkhidmatan kesihatan dan jasa khidmat kepada masyarakat. Anda semua wira dan



Al-Sultan Abdullah dan Tunku Azizah menzahirkan ucapan Selamat Hari Jururawat Sedunia kepada semua jururawat di negara ini.

wirawati karni!," menurut kenyataan yang dimuat naik dalam Instagram Istana Negara semalam.

Sementara itu, dalam satu video berdurasi 2.27 minit, Raja Permaisuri Agong bertitah baginda amat menghargai pengorbanan semua jururawat yang sanggup mengelepas nyawa sendiri demi membantu individu yang dijangkiti Covid-19.

Baginda turut mendoakan semoga ALLAH SWT membala jasa semua jururawat yang telah memberi perkhidmatan yang begitu ikhlas kepada semua rakyat Malaysia

tanpa mengira bangsa dan agama.

"Saya tabik kepada semua nurses yang jalankan tugas begitu berat ini, tidak kira kesihatan mereka sendiri. Saya doa semoga anda semua sihat walafiat tidak dijangkiti dan sama-sama kita mainkan peranan menghentikan rantaian Covid-19 ini," titah Tunku Azizah.

Pada akhir video berkenaan, Tunku Azizah turut mengucapkan selamat berpuasa dan menyantap Hari Raya Aidilfitri kepada semua petugas barisan hadapan yang beragama Islam. - Bernama

Dr Adham tuntut permohonan maaf

Menteri minta ganti rugi RM30 juta daripada C4

Oleh NURHIDAYAH HAIRON

PETALING JAYA

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba melalui peguam yang dilantik mengemukakan notis tuntutan permohonan maaf dan ganti rugi berjumlah RM30 juta terhadap Pusat Untuk Memerangi Rasuah dan Kronisme (C4) yang membuat kenyataan berunsur fitnah terhadap beliau.

Notis disampaikan melalui Tetuan Fauzi dan Naseer itu memberi tempoh tujuh hari bermula semalam untuk C4 membuat permohonan maaf secara terbuka berhubung dakwaan Dr Adham terbabit dalam skandal memperoleh kontrak perolehan

darurat Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM).

Peguam Nasser Yusoff berkata, kenyataan yang dikeluarkan C4 berunsur tohongan dan fitnah yang jelas merosakkan reputasi Dr Adham sebagai Menteri Kesihatan.

"Permohonan maaf itu perlu dilakukan di media sosial, laman web syarikat serta sidang akhbar dan setelah itu barulah budi bicerca akan dilakukan terhadap tuntutan ganti rugi itu."

"Sekiranya ia tidak dilakukan dalam tempoh tujuh hari, maka kita akan memfailkan saman sivil di Mahkamah Tinggi untuk kita capai proses keadilan melalui proses mahkamah," katanya di sini semalam.

Terdahulu, Nasser bersama beberapa peguam serta pegawai

KKM hadir di pejabat C4 di sini semalam untuk menghantar notis berkenaan namun pejabat itu tutup dan tiada kakitangan yang kelihatan bekerja.

Notis tersebut kemudian ditampal di pintu pejabat tersebut dan difahamkan pihak peguam akan menyusul ke alamat lain C4 yang berdaftar dengan Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM).

Mengulas lanjut, Naseer berkata, tuntutan yang dilakukan Dr Adham adalah untuk membersihkan nama dan membezirri input kepada orang luar dan masyarakat bahawa beliau ialah seorang yang penuh berintegriti.

Katanya, kenyataan yang mengaitkan Dr Adham mempunyai proksi untuk memperoleh bekalan tender itu serta pembela-



DR ADHAM BABA



Peguam yang mewakili Dr Adham menampal notis tuntutan di pejabat C4 di Petaling Jaya setelah mendapat pejabat itu ditutup semalam.

bitan rasuah adalah sangat menjaskan reputasi beliau.

"Kita berharap pihak C4 dapat memberi maklum balas berhubung tuntutan yang dihantar dalam tempoh ditetapkan untuk membawa perkara ini di medan keadilan melalui proses mahkamah."

"Kita akan mempertimbangkan laporan polis tetapi disebabkan isu ini berkaitan civil, kita menghantar notis tun-

tutan dahulu sebelum saman di mahkamah," katanya.

Kelmanir, Pejabat KKM dalam satu kenyataan berkata, tuduhan mengatakan Dr Adham mempunyai kaitan dengan syarikat Khazanah Jaya Sdn Bhd (KJSB) yang memperoleh kontrak perolehan darurat bagi pelaksanaan Lab Maligation Solution For Covid-19 tidak benar, berniat jahat dan bersifat 'pembunuhan karakter'.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NATION/NEWS

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

PM: YOU ARE OUR NATIONAL HEROES AND HEROINES

'Not many people have the strength, patience to deal with such a challenging and high-risk task'

KUALA LUMPUR

THE sacrifices nurses are making at a time when the country is facing the Covid-19 pandemic are indeed commendable, said Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

In his speech in conjunction with International Nurses Day yesterday, Muhyiddin said not many people had the strength and patience to deal with such a challenging and high-risk task.

"Every year on this date, nurses around the world are celebrated for their contributions to the healthcare sector. This year, however, the celebration is more meaningful, not only for nurses in Malaysia, but also across the globe."

"I would like to express my highest appreciation to all nurses in the country. You are our national heroes and heroines!" he said in posts on his official Facebook and Twitter accounts yesterday.

International Nurses Day is observed around the world on May 12 each year. This year's theme is "A Voice to Lead: Nursing the World to Health".

In a video message posted on Bernama TV's Facebook page, Muhyiddin reminded Malaysians of their joint responsibility in breaking the chain of Covid-19 during the current phase of the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO).

He said the CMCO required more effort from all Malaysians as self-discipline was crucial to ensure the efforts made in the past few weeks to break the chain of the virus infections were not futile.

"Until an effective vaccine is found to fight this pandemic, we need to enhance our self-discipline to fight Covid-19."

"I want to call on all Malaysians to adhere to the standard operating procedure or regulations. Do not carry out activities that are not on the activities and sectors list."

"Educate ourselves and those



A combo pic of nurses celebrating International Nurses Day at Kuala Lumpur Hospital yesterday. PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

around us to improve self-discipline and to maintain personal hygiene and cleanliness of the surroundings."

Muhyiddin also reminded the people to adopt the preventive measures recommended by the Health Ministry as a new normal in their life, such as social distancing, maintaining self-hygiene and wearing face masks in public places.

"Discipline yourself. Follow the recommendations by the Health Ministry and the authorities. *In-syaAllah*, we will remain safe together," he said, while praising the people's perseverance in having gone through the Movement Control Order (MCO) for more than seven weeks and flattening the Covid-19 curve.

Muhyiddin ended the video recording by wearing a face mask



and showing a thumbs-up.

The government has extended the CMCO by four more weeks until June 9 on the advice of the

Health Ministry and the National Security Council as efforts to combat Covid-19 have not been fully successful. Bernama

Only 16 new Covid-19 cases recorded yesterday

PUTRAJAYA: There were only 16 new Covid-19 cases yesterday, the lowest daily figure recorded in two months since the implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO) on March 18.

The new cases bring the cumulative cases caused by the pandemic in Malaysia to 6,742.

No new fatalities were reported with the death toll remaining at 109.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said of the 16 new cases, nine were foreigners, three were imported cases and the rest were local transmissions.

A total of 110 patients were discharged yesterday, bringing the total number of recovered patients to 5,223.

There are 1,410 active cases being treated at health facilities, with 16 in Intensive Care Units and three on ventilator support.

On the possibility of a second wave of Covid-19 infections following reports of new clusters in China's Wuhan and South Korea, Dr Noor Hisham said the only way to ensure Malaysia did not end up with a similar scenario was for everyone to work together to break the chain of infection.

"We have to make history. If we want to be successful and break the chain of Covid-19 infections in this country, we have to come together as one. If all of us come together with all our effort, I am sure we can do it. Malaysia boleh."

Dr Noor Hisham said the onus in fighting Covid-19 was not only on the Health Ministry or the government, but also on each individual in the country.

"Social compliance, social discipline and social responsibility are very important."

On the level of compliance by the public during the Movement Control Order (MCO), he said Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Bador had informed him that it was almost 90 per cent.

He said the focus should therefore be on the remaining 10 per cent.

"If our industries and supermarkets comply with the standard operating procedures (SOPs), I am sure we can bring down the cases further," he said, pointing out that the number of cases had slowly decreased with a slight decline in local transmissions.

"We have managed to record cases from three to two figures and today (yesterday) is the lowest."

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 10

RUANGAN : NATION/NEWS

BRANCH OF HOPE FOR THE NEEDY, VULNERABLE

Group founded by Dr Jezamine Lim and comedian husband Harith Iskander helps to supply PPE to medics, feed the hungry

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DURING the Movement Control Order (MCO) and now Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), many Malaysians have stepped up to do their part for the country.

We have seen ordinary Malaysians as well as popular individuals in the local arts, music, entertainment and fashion industry contributing to improve the lives of fellow citizens and

everyone affected by the pandemic.

Dr Jezamine Lim and her husband, popular comedian Harith Iskander, were among those who felt compelled to do their part, especially after reading about medical frontline workers needing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as well as vulnerable groups, foreign workers and refugees going hungry.

The couple started The Hope Branch on March 23, an initiative to quickly and effectively raise funds to assist those affected by Covid-19.

Their goal was to raise RM250,000 by the middle of this month to support The Hope Branch's initiatives. They have raised RM216,598 up to yesterday.

"In the beginning, looking at the tonnes of postings online, we realised many medical frontliners were in need of PPEs. We then compiled and pressed an order to China for PPEs with our own funds. Then, we realised we needed more and we couldn't do it ourselves, so we started this fundraising drive," said Dr Jezamine, explaining how the initiative started.

The Hope Branch's tasks included fundraising to cover the cost of PPE for healthcare frontliners in selected hospitals and government health clinics in rural areas, besides the police and armed forces in selected states.

"We also provide daily supplies for those most affected during this period, such as daily wage earners, the homeless, immigrants, refugees and underprivileged homes," added Dr Jezamine.

The Hope Branch is working together with KitaJagaKita to execute speedy aid delivery and stay connected with medical frontline workers.

Its key collaborators are the Kuol Group, Sahabat Selangor, Kantin,Cantin restaurants and SouthernRockSeafood, which was assisting with manpower.

Dr Jezamine said their target was to provide food to almost 2,100 deserving individuals three times a day.

They also contributed hot meals to soup kitchens that were operating, such as Pertwi and The Lost Food Project.

Thus far, funds raised had been used to purchase 100,000 pieces of PPE (three-ply medical masks, eye covers, face shields, protective gowns and shoe covers) for hospitals and the police. Funds have also been used to supply dried food and consumables for hospital staff and the police.

Among the hospitals that received PPEs and dried food items from The Hope Branch were Kuala Lumpur Hospital, Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, University of Malaya Medical Centre, and Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kota Kinabalu, as well as government health clinics.

Dr Jezamine added that The Hope Branch planned to continue this mammoth task even after the CMCO as people, especially vulnerable groups, would still be in need of assistance.

Remembering nurses on special day

KUALA LUMPUR: Yesterday marked a special day for nurses, the nation's heroes, who are working tirelessly alongside other frontline workers amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

In line with this year's International Nurses Day celebration theme "A voice to lead: Nursing the world to health", the stigma of this profession — that it is of less importance than doctors — should be erased as medical institutions would not be able to function without the nurses.

According to the Malaysian Nurses Association president Sharipah Asiah Syed Junid Al Junid, nurses had shown perseverance in discharging their duties despite the many challenges they faced.

"Nurses are committed to giving the best healthcare. This position is crucial to the health institution because nurses and other hospital staff work together to take care of the patients' welfare throughout treatment," she said.

For young nurse Nurul Fatin Izwani Abdul Rahman, 22, her



first experience of working in the quarantine and treatment centre for low-risk Covid-19 patients in the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang was a huge responsibility.

"When I was given this posting, I was unprepared, but I took up the challenge."

"I hope patients will understand and appreciate what we do. Not just anyone can do this job," she said.

As for Nurqurratu'Aina Amran, 24, being a nurse was what she wanted since school.

To her, a simple thank you from patients would have made all the hard work worth it.

"I love to help people and it hurts to see people suffer. When patients appreciate what we do, just a simple thank you is enough to make our day," she said.

Nantha Kumar Kumar and Hafiz Aizud Yusof were among

the many Facebook users expressing their appreciation to nurses in the comment section on the Health Ministry's Facebook page.

"Happy International Nurses Day, may God bless all the nurses and doctors fighting for the safety and health of Malaysians and also the whole world."

"(To all) nurses and doctors, Happy Nurses Day," Nantha Kumar Kumar wrote.

"Thank you for all the sacrifices, time and energy in giving the best services to the society, especially in facing the Covid-19 situation."

"We pray that you are blessed with fortitude to continue in the fight against Covid-19 with all other frontliners," Hafiz Aizud Yusof posted.

Happy International Nurses Day to all nurses, no matter where you are! **Bernama**



Popular comedian Harith Iskander providing supplies to a deserving recipient under an initiative by The Hope Branch in Kuala Lumpur recently.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NATION



You are our national heroes and heroines, PM tells nurses

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Muhyiddin, in his speech in conjunction with International Nurses Day, said not many people have the strength and patience to deal with such challenging and high-risk work.

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"This year, however, the celebration is more meaningful, not only for the nurses in Malaysia but across the globe."

"I would like to express my highest appreciation to all nurses in the country. You are our national heroes and heroines!" he said in a posting on his official Facebook and Twitter yesterday.

Separately, the Prime Minister reminds Malaysians of their joint responsibility in helping to break the chain of the Covid-19 infection during the current phase of the conditional movement control order (MCO) to ensure the country is free from the pandemic.

Muhyiddin said the current MCO phase required more efforts from all Malaysians as self-discipline is crucial to ensure success.

"Until an effective vaccine is found to fight this pandemic, we need to enhance our self-discipline to fight Covid-19."

"I want to call on all Malaysians to adhere to the stipulated standard operating procedure (SOP) or regulations."

"Do not carry out activities that are not allowed during the CMCO period."

"Educate ourselves and those around us to improve self-discipline and to maintain personal hygiene and cleanliness of the surroundings," he said in a message through a video posted on Bernama TV's Facebook page yesterday.

Muhyiddin urged the people to adopt the preventive measures recommended by the Health Ministry such as social distancing, maintaining self-hygiene and wearing a face mask in public, as a new normal in their life.

"Discipline yourself. Follow the recommendations by the Health Ministry and the authorities. Insya Allah, we remain safe together," he said.

He also praised the people's perseverance in having gone through the MCO for more than seven weeks.

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'Thank you for your service'

King and Queen salute nurses for their selfless efforts

KUALA LUMPUR: Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah have wished all nurses in the country a happy International Nurses Day.

Istana Negara in a statement said their Majesties had the highest regard for nurses for their service and contributions in looking after the safety and health of the people.

The sacrifices and tireless efforts by nurses as the first line of defence along with other frontliners in combating the Covid-19 pandemic is deeply valued by their Majesties, the statement said.

Their Majesties salute the commitment and dedication of nurses in carrying out their responsibilities and duties in treating patients. Nurses are among the assets that are very important to the Health Ministry and nation.

"Congratulations and thank you

for your service to the society. All of you are our heroes and heroines," the statement said.

Meanwhile, in a two-minute, 27-second video, the Queen hailed nurses for putting their lives on the line to help individuals infected by Covid-19.

Her Majesty also said she prayed that Allah reward them for serving Malaysians with utmost sincerity, irrespective of race and religion.

"I salute all nurses for shoulder-

ing considering their own health. I pray all of you will be safe and well and not get infected."

"Together we must play our role to stop the chain of transmission of Covid-19." Her Majesty said.

At the end of the clip, Tunku Azizah also wished "Selamat Berpuasa" and "Selamat Menyambut Hari Raya" to all Muslim frontliners.

International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on May 12 each year. — Bernama



Noble warriors
Nurses cutting a cake as they celebrate the International Nurses Day at a ward in a hospital in Kuala Lumpur. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Nursing The World To Health'. — AZHAR MAHOF/The Star

Sacrifices on the front line against virus

KUALA LUMPUR: Mohd Erwan Juslin, head nurse at the Nutrition Unit, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya Health Department, has not seen his wife and three children aged two to 10, who live in Perlis, since the movement control order (MCO) started on March 18.

He is among the many on the medical front line – an important component of superheroes making immense sacrifices and showing tremendous commitment and dedication to containing the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fight against the coronavirus has thrust nurses worldwide in the spotlight and revealed to one and all the noble work they do as they risk their own lives to save others.

"I yearn to see them but I can only make phone and video calls to them to heal my homesickness. I feel sad but I know I need to be strong in order to perform my duties well," said Mohd Erwan.

The Beaufort, Sabah native is married to Zurina Hamdan, who is also a nurse and is currently attached to the Haemodialysis Unit at Hospital Tuanku Fauziah in Kangar.

Stressing that working amid this pandemic has been the most challenging experience in his 15-year nursing career, Mohd Erwan said his mental and physical endurance had been put to the test.

"Now in the month of Ramadan, it is even more challenging. We have to continue screening people as new clusters are being detected.

"Just imagine having to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while fasting. Just an hour after wearing it, we find ourselves drenched in sweat due to the heat,



Being apart from family:
Mohd Erwan (left) and Zaharah.

and we get thirsty too," he said.

He believed that the blessings of the holy month have given him the strength to continue working and to date, all screening work at the health centre has gone on smoothly.

He also found himself having to undergo a Covid-19 test as he was in contact with a confirmed case. Fortunately, he tested negative.

Mohd Erwan also said he could not help worrying about his wife as she could be at times indirectly exposed to the virus when Covid-19 patients were required to undergo dialysis at her unit.

He is relieved that rules under the MCO has been eased to allow interstate travel for married couples living apart in different states.

This was announced by Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on Sunday.

He said this decision was made after taking into consideration couples working in different states.

"This is the news I've been eagerly awaiting as Aidilfitri is not far away," added Mohd Erwan.

Mothers will go to any extent to protect their families and this is

exactly what Siti Zaharah Zahabah, a nurse at a private clinic in Damansara, is doing. She is currently volunteering her services with the Selangor Health Department.

As she is required to carry out Covid-19 screenings, she has chosen to stay apart from her husband and three daughters aged between seven and 11 as she does not want them exposed to any risk of infection.

She is now putting up at a hostel at the National Institute of Health complex in Setia Alam, Selangor, while her family is living in another part of the state.

Siti Zaharah, who is grateful to her husband and their extended families for giving her their full support, said she was involved in carrying out screenings at quarantine centres and even in areas such as the Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur and Pasar Borong Selayang Baru which were placed under the enhanced MCO.

"In the 10 years I've worked as a nurse, this is definitely a new experience for me. Besides being exposed to the risk of infection, we also need to help to allay the fears of

individuals placed under surveillance," she said.

She also urged frontliners, especially nurses, to stay strong and continue to sacrifice their time and energy and set aside their personal feelings in the battle against Covid-19 for the sake of the people and nation.

Of late, so many stories have been emerging about the struggles and sacrifices of nurses.

Among them are reports of retired nurses ready to make a comeback and willing to extend a helping hand to the frontliners who are working tirelessly to stem the transmission of Covid-19.

One of them is former hospital matron Biby Maideen, 68, who said she discussed the matter with her four children before submitting her application to the Health Ministry (MOH).

According to media reports, MOH received applications from about 3,000 retired nurses to serve at the front line during the Covid-19 pandemic.

There was also a touching video that went viral on social media, showing a woman dressed as a nurse crying outside her house as she could not go near her family members.

The nurse is seen wiping her tears as her mother advises her to take care while on duty and to place her trust in God.

Here is wishing all nurses a happy International Nurses Day. May this global celebration highlight the enormous sacrifices and contributions of nurses who play a key role in bringing safe, quality healthcare to people around the world. — Bernama

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DG: Onus on M'sians to prevent second wave

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PUTRAJAYA: Malaysians must come together and strictly observe social discipline to prevent a second wave of Covid-19 outbreak, says Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

The Health director-general said while Malaysia had managed to reduce the number of Covid-19 cases so far, the emergence of new clusters in countries that have recovered from the pandemic was a cause for concern.

"Many countries are worried about the possible emergence of a Covid-19 second wave. We are equally worried."

"The onus now is not on the government but on each individual. Social compliance and discipline is important. If we can all comply with



the SOP (standard operating procedure), we can bring down the graph further.

"Whether we have a second wave or not, is not up to the Health Ministry alone. The onus is on the public as well," he said at the ministry's daily Covid-19 press briefing yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham was asked about the emergence of new Covid-19 clusters in China and Korea, which have sparked global concerns about the possibility of a second wave of the disease.

He expressed his faith in Malaysians keeping their discipline throughout the conditional movement control order (MCO) period.

"I was informed by the IGP (Inspector-General of Police) that our compliance rate is almost 90%.

"So we only have to focus on the remaining 10%.

"We have to make history. If we want to be successful and break the chain of infection, we have to come together as one. If all of us put in our efforts, I am sure we can do it. Malaysia Boleh," said Dr Noor Hisham.

The city of Wuhan in China has reported its first cluster of infections

since lifting its lockdown a month ago.

In South Korea, a new cluster traced to Seoul's nightlife district has resulted in the country's highest spike of cases in recent days.

Yesterday, Malaysia recorded just 16 new cases – the country's best daily record in the past two months.

There was no reported death from the disease over the past 24 hours.

Currently, there are 1,410 active cases being treated at health facilities across the country, with 16 of them warded in intensive care units.

Three patients are on ventilator support.

Dr Noor Hisham said the ministry would continue its surveillance activities to monitor Covid-19 infections in the community, even though sporadic cases were low.

"Such surveillance activities will include sampling patients with influenza-like illness (ILI) in sentinel locations, which are the ministry's health clinics nationwide, and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) patients at the hospitals.

"As of the 18th week of the epidemic, as many as 9,010 samples have been taken from ILI and SARI patients, out of which 81 cases, or 0.9%, were found to be Covid-19 positive."

He compared this to the 13th week, in which 8.7% of SARI patients screened were found to be Covid-19 positive.

"The number of sporadic cases is small and has been decreasing."

"We will be expanding our surveillance activities to include sentinel sites. We will monitor and hopefully, detect (sporadic cases) at an early stage," he said.

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Lowest number of new cases in 2 months

PETALING JAYA: Malaysians have been warned of the possibility of a second wave of Covid-19 infections despite the country recording its lowest number of daily cases in two months, yesterday.

Sixteen new cases of Covid-19 were reported, taking the total number of infections in the country to 6,742.

"We are as worried as some other countries about the emergence of a second wave of Covid-19," Health director-general Datuk Noor Hisham Abdullah said.

"The onus (to bring down number of infections) is not just on the shoulders of the ministry and the government but also on each individual in the country. We have to come together as one. If all of us put in our efforts I'm sure we can do it, Malaysia boleh."

Noor Hisham also said that hospital wards dedicated to the Covid-19 pandemic were now nearly empty.

"Only three patients are using ventilators

today, while our utilisation of ICUs is becoming less and our Covid-19 wards are now almost empty. This is because of our success in the implementation of health policies."

On his daily update, he said nine of the 16 new cases were foreigners. Three were imported cases involving Malaysians who had returned from overseas, and 13 cases were from local transmissions.

"A total of 101 cases were discharged today, bringing the total number of patients to have recovered to 5,223, which is 77.05% of all reported cases," Noor Hisham said.

"This leaves a total of only 1,410 active Covid-19 cases in Malaysia.

"Sixteen of these patients are being treated in ICUs, with three needing ventilator assistance."

There were no fatalities reported yesterday, leaving the death toll at 109.

—By Keertan Ayamany