

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

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Nasional

KHAMIS, 14 MEI 2020 BH

Penularan COVID-19

58 pesakit sembah

21 kes bukan warga negara Malaysia daripada 37 jangkitan baharu

Putrajaya: Terdapat 58 kes sembah COVID-19 dilaporkan semalam, menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan kes sembah di negara ini sebanyak 5,281 kes atau 77.9 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata sehingga jam 12 tengah hari semalam, terdapat

37 kes baharu, iaitu 21 kes bukan dalam kalangan warga negara Malaysia.

Daripada jumlah kes baharu itu, katanya, empat kes daripada kes import dan 33 kes pula menerusi penularan tempatan.

"Oleh itu, jumlah kes positif COVID-19 di Malaysia, sebanyak 6,779 kes dan jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan COVID-19, 1,387 kes."

"Sehingga kini, seramai 16 kes positif COVID-19 sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dan empat individu masih memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya pada sidang media hari ini, di sini, semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, pemodelan dan ramalan membabitkan penularan wabak COVID-19 dikeluarkan Institut Kesihatan Negara

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

(NIH), KKM membolehkan jangkaan terhadap tindakan yang diambil ketika ini, membawa hasil dalam tempoh dua hingga empat minggu lagi.

Dengan mengadakan dua unjuran, katanya, KKM dapat me-



Dr Noor Hisham pada sidang media harian di Putrajaya, semalam.
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ramalkan apa yang akan berlaku jika SOP diterap selama ini, dipatuhi atau sebaliknya.

Beliau berkata, berdasarkan kepada pemodelan dan ramalan KKM itu menunjukkan pada permulaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) pada 18 Mac lalu, adalah pada parag 3.5.

patan dengan unjuran jangkaan kes harian dibuat NIH.

Katanya, graf pemodelan dan ramalan KKM itu menunjukkan pada permulaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) pada 18 Mac lalu, adalah pada parag 3.5.

Kebolehjangkitan ketika PKPB semakin rendah

Putrajaya: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) memaklumkan nilai 'R naught' (R) atau kebolehjangkitan COVID-19 bagi tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) berada pada tahap 0.3.

Ketua Pengaruhnya, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata nilai R itu merekodkan penurunan berbanding 3.5 pada permulaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP), pada 18 Mac lalu.

"Penurunan ini susulan im-pak positif tindakan diambil

kerajaan dan dibantu dengan pematuhan masyarakat, selain ia boleh dikurangkan lagi jika langkah pencegahan berterusan dijalankan dalam kalangan orang ramai.

"Bagaimanapun, nilai ini boleh meningkat semula jika masyarakat leka dan langkah pencegahan tak diindahkan. Menurunkan nilai R kurang daripada 1 secara berterusan akan membantu mengakhiri sesuat wabak," katanya pada sidang media di sini, semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Dr Noor His-

ham mengesahkan pihaknya masih menjalankan siasatan bagi mengenal pasti punca jangkitan COVID-19 yang membabitkan penuntut universiti di Sabah yang baru pulang dari Semenanjung.

Katanya, kedua-dua penuntut berkenaan kini sudah dasingkan dan diberi rawatan lanjut.

"Apa yang perlu dilaksanakan ketika ini adalah pengesanan kes aktif apabila KKM menjalankan siasatan punca jang-

kitan itu.

"Kita sudah mengenal pasti universiti berkenaan dan serta menjalankan saringan ke atas (kakitangan) universiti terbabit. Walaupun mereka (penuntut) diquarantine selama empat minggu, tetapi ada pendedahan dengan pekerja universiti."

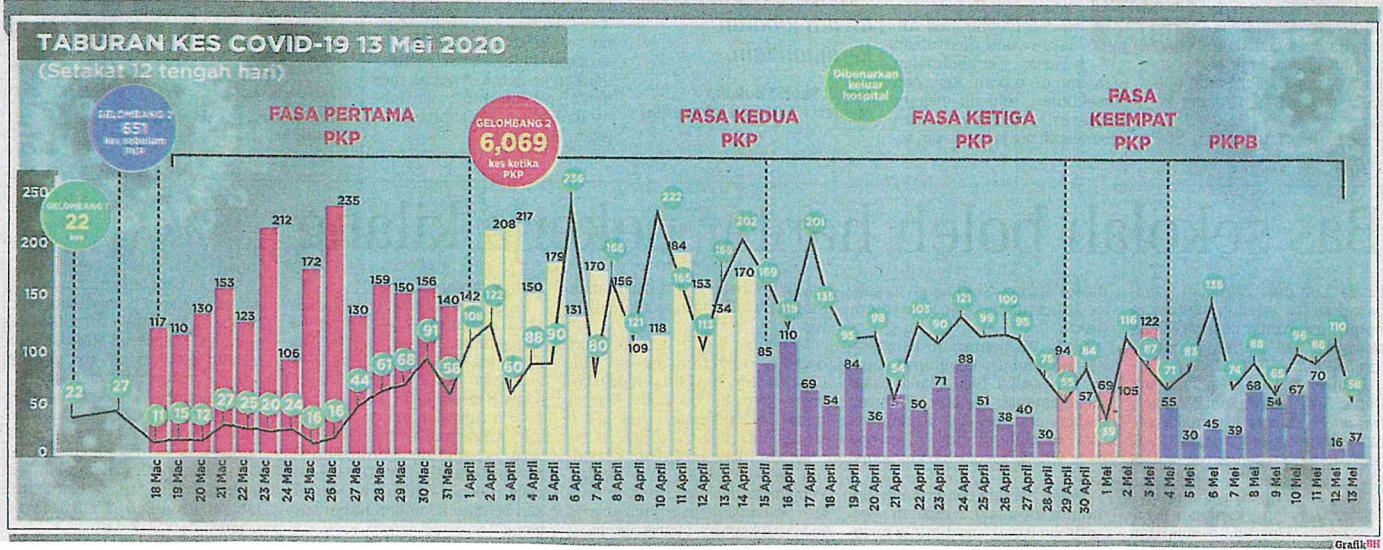
"Pekerja terbabit keluar masuk universiti dan besar kemungkinan ada pendekahan (kepada COVID-19)," katanya.

Terdahulu, pada Isnin lalu media melaporkan

Sabah mencatatkan peningkatan kes baharu COVID-19 secara mendadak, iaitu sebanyak 10 kes dilaporkan.

Daripada 10 kes baharu itu, empat adalah di daerah Lahad Datu, tiga di Semporna, dua di Keningau dan satu di Tawau.

Dilaporkan, seramai 1,048 penuntut sudah kembali ke kampung masing-masing di Sabah, manakala bagi penuntut di Sabah pula, seramai 1,612 penuntut dihantar masing-masing di Semenanjung, Labuan dan Sarawak.



AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : LOKAL

Perhimpunan diizin tertakluk arahan KP

Kuala Lumpur: Perhimpunan yang dibenarkan untuk sambutan perayaan Aidilfitri, Pesta Kaamatan dan Hari Gawai Dayak sepanjang tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Ber-syarat (PKPB) masih tertakluk kepada sebarang arahan Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan.

Perkara ini dinyatakan dalam Peraturan 7 (2) (a), Warta Kerajaan Persekutuan mengenai Peraturan-Peraturan Pencegahan dan Pengawalan Penyakit Berjangkit (Langkah-Langkah di dalam Kawasan Tempatan Jangkitan) (No.6) 2020 yang dikeluarkan la-man Web Jabatan Pe-guam Ne-gara, kel-marin.

Subperaturan (2) mengikut Peraturan 7 itu menyebut: "walau apa pun subperaturan (1), seseorang boleh berhimpun atau terlibat dalam suatu perhimpunan - (a) bagi Hari Raya Puasa, Pesta Kaamatan dan Hari Gawai Dayak tertakluk kepada apa-apa arahan Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, dan (b) bagi pengebumian, dengan syarat orang yang hadir ke pengebumian itu tidak melebihi 20."

Warta itu yang ditandatangani Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba menyatakan bahawa Peraturan-Peraturan itu berkuatkuasa dari tempoh 13 Mei 2020 hingga 9 Jun 2020. - Bernama

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ditandatangani
Menteri Kesihatan,
Datuk Seri
Dr Adham Baba

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PETUGAS media Bernama, Muhammad Shafiq Hashim ketika diambil sampel melalui swab hidung bagi ujian saringan Covid-19 sebelum bermula persidangan Dewan Rakyat yang dijadualkan pada 18 Mei depan.

DUA LAGI KEMATIAN

77.9% dah sembah

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Putrajaya

Se banyak 37 kes baharu positif Covid-19 dilaporkan kepada Pusat Kespiasiagaan dan Tindak Cepat Krisis Kebangsaan (CPKC), setakat 12 tengah hari semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham

Abdullah berkata, 21 daripada kes baharu itu membabitkan warga asing, sekali gus mencatatkan 6,779 kes keseluruhan.

Menurutnya, empat kes baharu itu adalah kes import manakala 33 kes membabitkan penularan dalam komuniti.

"Kes aktif (positif Covid-19) kebolehjangkitan seramai 1,387 pesakit, mereka sudah diasangkan dan diberi rawatan.

"Seramai 16 pesakit dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi

peratus daripada jumlah kes seluruhnya.

Katanya, kematian ke-110 (kes ke-6,743) adalah lelaki warganegara Malaysia berusia 50 tahun yang ditemui mati di Rompin, Pahang.

"Kes kematian ke-111 (kes ke-5,195) adalah lelaki warga Malaysia berumur 90 tahun dan mempunyai latar belakang penyakit dari tinggi dan penyakit kronik pernafasan. Beliau dirawat di Hospital Enche' Besar Haji Khalsom, Johor pada 16 April 2020," katanya.

Nilai RO boleh menurun sekiranya langkah pencegahan yang tepat dijalankan secara berterusan"

Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

lejangkitan sesuatu virus pada permulaan sesuatu wabak di dalam masyarakat, iaitu secara purata berapa ramai orang yang boleh dijangkiti oleh kes itu.

"Misalnya, jika nilai Ro adalah 4, ini bermakna setiap seorang kes positif boleh menyebarkan penyakit ini kepada empat orang lain," katanya.

Model, ramalan KKM berhasil

Kuala Lumpur: Menurunkan nilai kebolehjangkitan atau R_0 (*R naught*) kurang daripada angka 1 secara berterusan akan membantu mengakhiri sesuatu wabak.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, pendekatan sama turut diguna pakai Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) terhadap Covid-19.

Setakat ini, katanya, model dan ramalan Institut Kesihatan Negara KKM berhasil dalam menurunkan kebolehjangkitan di dalam negara menerusi pematuhan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) sejak 18 Mac lalu hingga PKP keempat.

"Nilai RO boleh menurun sekiranya langkah pencegahan yang tepat dijalankan secara berterusan.

"Begitu juga nilai ini boleh meningkat semula sekiranya masyarakat leka dan langkah pencegahan tidak diendahkan," kata-

Beliau berkata demikian dalam sidang media harian perkembangan terkini Covid-19 di Putrajaya, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Ro merujuk kepada kebo-

RINGKAS

Penjawat awam Pahang dapat RM500

Kuantan: Kerajaan Pahang meluluskan pemberian bantuan khas RM500 untuk 8,000 penjawat awam Pahang sempena Aidilfitri tahun ini.

Menteri Besar, Datuk Sri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail berkata, penjawat awam yang menerima bantuan khas itu ialah daripada Gred Jusa dan ke bawah.

Katanya, bayaran akan dibuat pada 19 Mei ini membaikkan implikasi kewangan kepada kerajaan negeri kira-kira RM4 juta.

"Bantuan khas ini sebagai tanda penghargaan atas khidmat baik dan kesetiaan penjawat awam kepada kerajaan negeri selama ini."

"Saya juga meminta semua pihak berkusa tempatan (PBT) serta badan berkanun negeri supaya turut melaksanakan pembayaran yang sama," katanya dalam kenyataan media, semalam.

Penoreh getah rugi RM141,590

Temerloh: Seorang penoreh getah di sini, terpaksa menanggung kerugian RM141,590 selepas diperdaya sindiket Macau Scam yang menyamar sebagai kakitangan syarikat telekomunikasi dan pegawai polis.

Ketua Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Kornerial Pahang, Superintendant Mohd Wazir Moh Yusof berkata, kejadian bermula pada 27 April lalu apabila mangsa, lelaki berusia 59 tahun menerima panggilan telefon daripada suspek yang mendakwa kakitangan syarikat telekomunikasi.

"Suspek mendakwa mahu memotong talian internet mangsa kerana disalah guna untuk tujuan judi dalam talian."

"Seterusnya panggilan disambungkan kepada polis dan mangsa bercakap dengan Tuan Poo," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini, semalam.

Hanya 12 individu dibenar tunai solat Jumaat di Johor



PENGAWAL: Keselamatan Masjid Negeri Sultan Ahmad I, Kuantan, Mimi Sapura Musa (diri) mengimbau bacaan suhu badan seorang jemaah sebelum dibenarkan masuk ke dalam masjid pada simulasi solat Jumaat yang diadakan secara tertutup, semalam. Proses simulasi yang dilakukan

Jabatan Agama Islam Pahang membabitkan 50 orang jemaah jemputan itu bertujuan untuk

memperkenalkan serta persiapan mempraktikkan Prosedur Operasi Standard (SOP) yang digariskan

agar dapat dipatuhi para jemaah sekiranya pelaksanaan solat Jumaat dalam tempoh Perintah

Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) dibenarkan pihak berkusa agama negeri.

"Begini juga dengan perlaksanaan solat sunat Aidilfitri yang hanya boleh dilaksanakan 12 jemaah sama seperti solat Jumaat.

"Ahli kariah pula hendaklah menunaikan solat sunat Aidilfitri di rumah masing-masing yang khutbahnya boleh diperolehi dari pada laman web JAINJ (<http://jainj.johor.gov.my>).

"Kaedah menetapkan 12

orang bilangan jemaah bagi solat Jumaat adalah perlu

diulangi dengan solat Zuhur," katanya pada sidang media di Pusat Islam Iskandar di sini, semalam.

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meminta pihak keselamatan membuat pemantauan.

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AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 10
RUANGAN : LOKAL

Cari punca jangkitan dua pelajar universiti

Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) sedang menjalankan siasatan bagi mengetahui pasti punca jangkitan Covid-19 membabitkan dua pelajar universiti awam di Sabah.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah yang mengesahkan perkara itu berkata, kedua-dua pelajar terbabit sudah diajaskan dan diberi rawatan.

"Apa yang perlu dilaksanakan ketika ini adalah pengesanan kes aktif apabila KKM menjalankan siasatan punca jangkitan itu."

"Kita sudah pun mengetahui pasti universiti berkenaan dan menjalankan saringan ke atas (kakitangan) universiti itu."

"Walaupun mereka (pelajar) dikuarantin selama empat minggu tetapi ada pendedahan dengan pekerja universiti. Pekerja terbaik keluar masuk universiti dan besar kemungkinan



Kita sudah mengenal pasti universiti berkenaan dan menjalankan saringan ke atas (kakitangan) universiti itu"

Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

ada pendedahan (Covid-19)," katanya dalam sidang media harian Covid-19 di Putrajaya, semalam.

Pada Isnin lalu, Sabah mencatatkan peningkatan mendadak kes baharu positif Covid-19 dengan 10 kes dan dua daripadanya adalah pelajar universiti yang tiba dari Semenanjung.

Seramai 1,048 pelajar kembali ke kampung masing-masing di Sabah manakala Sabah pula menghantar pulang 1,612 pelajar ke Semenanjung, Labuan dan Sarawak.

Buka sempadan langkah terakhir

Putrajaya: Membuka semula pintu sempadan untuk membenarkan warga asing memasuki negara ini adalah langkah terakhir akan dilakukan kerajaan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, malah ketika ini apa perlu dilakukan adalah memperketatkan lagi kawalan di pintu sempadan dalam usaha memutuskan penularan Covid-19.

Beliau berkata, fokus Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) buat masa ini adalah penularan transmisi tempatan supaya virus tiada dalam komuniti.

"Kawalan sempadan adalah sangat penting sebab kita sudah lihat apabila terdapat 360 rakyat Malaysia pulang dari luar negara di dapat positif Covid-19."

"Seramai 88 daripadanya hanya dapat dikesan positif ketika ujian *swab* (alitan tekak dan hidung) kali kedua dijalankan.

"Ujian pertama hasilnya negatif. Kita kuarantin mereka dan selepas hari ke-12 lakukan semula ujian *swab*, mereka positif."

"Disebabkan itu, kita sangat ambil berat hal pem-

bukaan sempadan, ia akan menjadi pilihan terakhir," katanya pada sidang media harian perkembangan terkini Covid-19 di KKM, Putrajaya, semalam.

Mengulas mengenai kebenaran operasi kedai gunting rambut di beberapa negara lain, katanya, sebarang keputusan bergantung kepada hasil Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) yang dimulakan pada 4 Mei lalu.

Menurutnya, berdasarkan tempoh inkubasi 14 hari bermakna hasil PKPB hanya akan dapat dilihat pada 18 Mei ini.

"Pada 4 Mei lalu, kerajaan membuka semula sektor ekonomi secara berhati-hati menerusi PKPB.

"Ia dilakukan secara berperingkat. Apabila kita dapat kes menurun atau mendapat hasil yang positif daripada PKPB itu, maka sektor lain juga mungkin dipertimbangkan."

"Kita memantau rapat kes setiap hari berkaitan Covid-19 bagi tempoh PKPB ini seperti yang dilakukan ketika pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) fasa satu hingga empat," katanya.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19



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MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

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#PastiAdaSinar

Lelaki ditemui mati positif Covid-19

Ia disahkan menerusi keputusan ujian sampel Covid-19 yang diambil semasa bedah siasat

Oleh TUAN BUQHAIRAH TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN

PUTRAJAYA

Secorang lelaki tempatan yang ditemui mati di Rompin, Pahang disahkan positif Covid-19.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, perkara itu disahkan menerusi keputusan ujian sampel Covid-19 yang diambil semasa bedah siasat kelmarin.

"Kes ini di bawah siasatan polis dan Pejabat Kesihatan Rompin.

"Punca jangkitan belum dikenal pasti dan masih di dalam siasatan," katanya pada sidang media di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, Pusat Kesihatiagaan dan Tindak Cepat CPRC Kebangsaan turut merekodkan satu lagi kematian berkaitan Covid-19.

"Kes kematian ke-111 melibatkan



DR NOOR HISHAM

lelaki berumur 90 tahun dan mempunyai penyakit darah tinggi serta penyakit kronik pernafasan.

"Dia telah dirawat di Hospital Enche' Besar Hajah Khalsom, Johor pada 16 April dan disahkan meninggal dunia jam 10.36 pagi tadi (semalam)," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pertambahan dua kes tersebut menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kematian akibat Covid-19 meningkat kepada 111 kes.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sebanyak

58 kes telah pulih dan dibenarkan discaj semalam.

"Oleh itu, jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sebanyak 5,281 kes bersamaan dengan 77.9 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, katanya, terdapat 37 kes baharu dilaporkan termasuk 21 kes melibatkan bukan warganegara.

"Ingin dimaklumkan juga daripada jumlah kes baharu berkenaan, terdapat empat kes import dan 33 kes penularan tempatan."

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Beliau berkata, seramai 16 pesakit sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi dan daripada jumlah itu, empat kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, KKM akan meneliti bagi mempertimbangkan pembukaan semula sektor sosial dan pendidikan.

Bagaimanapun, katanya, ia bergantung kepada kes jangkitan harian Covid-19.

Menurutnya, kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 telah menurun hasil keberkesanan pendekatan kerajaan dalam pelaksanaan

Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) selama hingga empat.

"Jika dilihat kepada graf permodelan dan ramalan KKM, nilai R Naught (RO) pada permulaan PKP adalah 3.5 dan ia berjaya diturunkan sehingga 0.3 susulan impak positif tindakan PKP," katanya.

Beliau berkata, nilai RO boleh menurun sekiranya langkah-langkah penegahan yang tepat dijalankan secara berterusan dalam masyarakat.

"Nilai ini boleh meningkat semula sekiranya masyarakat leka dan langkah pencegahan tidak diendahkan," katanya.

Menurutnya, menurunkan nilai RO kepada kurang satu secara berterusan dapat membantu mengakhiri wabak.

"Kita jangkakan minggu hadapan dapat mencapai angka satu digit," katanya.

Berdasarkan permodelan dan ramalan Covid-19 yang dijalankan Institut Kesihatan Negara (NIH) KKM, wabak Covid-19 akan berakhir sekitar 30 Jun atau 2 Julai sekiranya prosedur operasi standard (SOP) dipatuhi.

"Nilai RO 0.3 hari ini adalah hasil daripada aktiviti Kesihatan awam yang dijalankan sebelum ini namun ia boleh meningkat kepada nilai 1.6 pada sekitar 22 Jun sekiranya pengabaian SOP dilakukan," katanya.

SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM

Bilangan kes Covid-19 mengikut negeri di Malaysia



Perlis 18



• Dikemas kini pada jam 6 petang 13 Mei 2020

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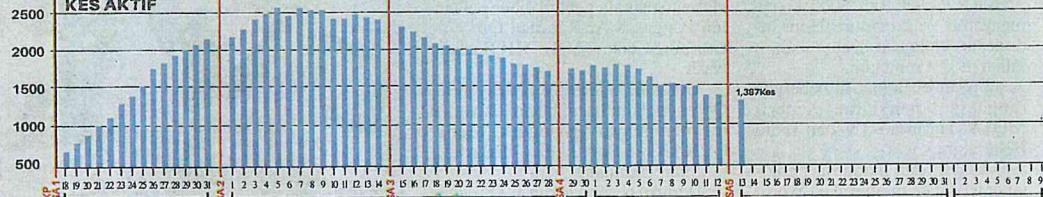
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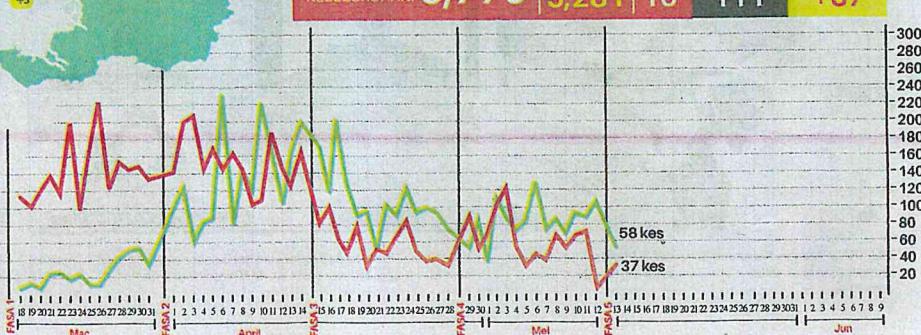
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JUMLAH KES AKTIF



JUMLAH KES BAHRU DAN SEMBUH DILAPORKAN SETIAP HARI

JUMLAH KESELURUHAN: 6,779 | PULIH: 5,281 | ICU: 16 | KEMATIAN: 111 | KES BAHRU: +37



AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NEWS / NATION

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AVOID 3C AREAS

BE ON GUARD DURING RAYA VISITS

Health D-G says it's vital for people to practise social distancing and have good hygiene

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AND ESTHER LANDAU
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POPLE can forget about visiting their relatives and parents during Hari Raya if they do not comply with the standard operating procedures (SOP) introduced by the Health Ministry during the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) period.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said it was imperative for the public to

practise social distancing and have good hygiene when visiting relatives during Hari Raya.

Senior citizens and infants, he said, were vulnerable to Covid-19.

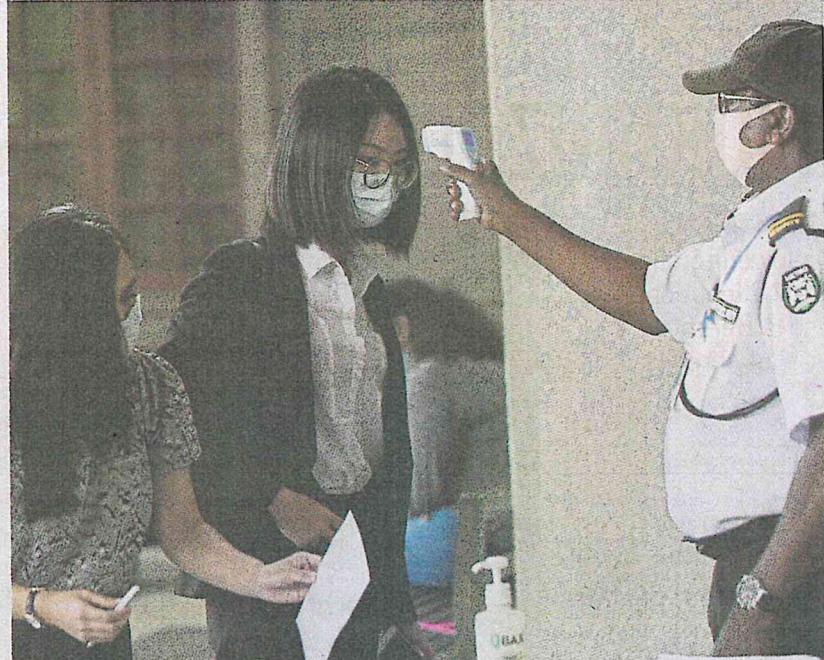
"The maximum number of 20 people allowed to visit at a time is relative."

"For instance, social distancing cannot be achieved if 20 people gather in a small apartment or confined space."

"And inside our house, there may be 10 members of a family, or the number will be higher for larger families."

"Our concern is more about people from Covid-19 red zones since they may infect their parents and relatives when visiting during Hari Raya," said Dr Noor Hisham in his daily press conference here yesterday.

He stressed on the importance and duty of people to protect their loved ones, especially their parents, from getting the virus,



A security guard conducting temperature checks at the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex yesterday. PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

although the government had relaxed restrictions following the implementation of the CMCO, which has been extended for four weeks from May 12 to June 9.

"People should avoid 3C areas, namely crowded places, confined spaces and close-distance conversations."

"The public should practise 3W, which are, frequently washing

their hands with water and soap; wearing face masks, especially in public places or when they encounter people who have fever and flu; and be cautious by avoiding handshakes, staying at home and seeking treatment if they develop symptoms related to Covid-19."

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ing 21 foreigners.

There were two deaths: a 30-year-old man from Rompin, Pahang, and a 90-year-old man in Johor who had history of high-blood pressure and chronic breathing diseases.

There were 16 patients being treated at intensive care units, with four on ventilator support, he added.

'We may bring back MCO if cases continue to rise after May 18'

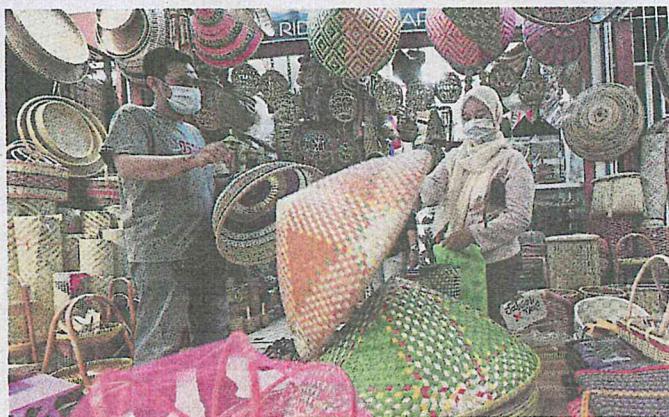
PUTRAJAYA: The Movement Control Order (MCO) may be reimposed if Covid-19's R-naught, or RO, which indicates new infections from a single case, breaches the warning level of 1.6.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said Malaysia had reduced Covid-19's RO from 3.5, before the MCO came into force on March 18, to 0.3 after the implementation of the third and fourth phases of the directive.

He said the ministry would be able to evaluate the effectiveness of the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) only on May 18, which marks the end of the virus' 14-day incubation period, since the directive was enforced on May 4.

RO is an epidemiological term used to measure the contagiousness of an infectious disease.

"We can see the outcome of the CMCO only after May 18, (or) at least during the incubation period of 14 days.



People shopping at Kompleks Pekan Rabu, Alor Star, yesterday.
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"If the cases or RO continue to increase after May 18, then we may reverse our decision (to lift the MCO)," he said in his daily press conference here yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said if the cas-

es or RO were still under control after May 18, the ministry would consider formulating more standard operating procedures (SOP) to facilitate the reopening of other sectors, such as social and ed-

ucation sectors.

According to the modelling and projection prepared by the National Institute of Health, the RO will increase to 1.6 by the middle of next month if people fail to

comply with the SOP for the CMCO.

He said if the RO reached or surpassed 1.6, this meant that there was an exponential surge in the number of Covid-19 cases in the country, which would require stricter measures to contain the outbreak.

"If we can further bring down the RO to below 0.3 or to 0.1, the ministry will consider reopening more sectors. So it is up to the public to comply with the SOP and practise social distancing to reduce the number of cases."

He said the ministry was concerned about opening the country's borders, which have been placed under strict control since the MCO started on March 18.

He said this followed the trend involving 360 Malaysians returning from abroad who tested positive for Covid-19.

From the total, he said, 88 tested positive for the virus only during the second swab test conducted on them.

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WORLDWIDE
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CORONAVIRUS CASES

4,357,791

RECOVERED

1,611,514

DEATHS

293,226

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GLOBAL COVID-19 CASES

RUSSIA
Recorded cases **242,271**
Deaths **2,212**

Updates: Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov tested positive for Covid-19. Peskov, who is the fifth senior official to contract the virus, said he had last met Putin in person more than a month ago.

FRANCE
Recorded cases **178,225**
Deaths **26,991**

Updates: Thousands of schools reopened throughout France on Tuesday as the government eased its coronavirus lockdown rules despite some fears of a second wave of infections. France's cumulative death toll from Covid-19 rose by 348 to 26,991, overtaking Spain and making France the country with the world's fourth-highest death toll from the virus after the US, Britain and Italy.

TURKEY
Recorded cases **141,475**
Deaths **3,894**

Updates: Ninety Turkish nationals evacuated from Iraq were placed under a 14-day quarantine to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus. All 90 expats, brought back to Turkey via buses, were sent to the dormitories in the southeastern Batman province after going through health checks. Provincial Director of Youth and Sports Safi Ozperk said the country would continue to bring back its citizens who wished to return home.

SINGAPORE
Recorded cases **25,346**
Deaths **21**

Updates: The Ministry of Health (MoH) has preliminarily confirmed 675 new Covid-19 cases in Singapore as of Wednesday noon, taking the total count to 25,346. The vast majority of the new cases are work permit holders residing in foreign worker dormitories. Two cases involved Singaporeans and permanent residents.

THE UNITED STATES
Recorded cases **1,408,636**
Deaths **83,425**

Updates: America's top infectious diseases official Anthony Fauci has warned that ending lockdowns too quickly could trigger uncontrollable new coronavirus outbreaks. Fauci warned Congress that a run of 14 days with a drop in cases was a vital first step before lifting lockdowns. His stance was contradicted by President Trump, who pressed for rapid steps to rekindle the devastated US economy before a November election.

THE UNITED KINGDOM
Recorded cases **227,740**
Deaths **32,769**

Updates: London mayor Sadiq Khan opposed the idea of the Premier League resuming in the capital next month while the Covid-19 pandemic continues to cause hundreds of deaths in the UK each day, a spokesman for the mayor's office said. The possibility of a restart next month was given a boost when the government said the elite sport could return behind closed doors after June 1.

BRAZIL
Recorded cases **178,214**
Deaths **12,461**

Updates: Brazil is slowly becoming the next hotbed of the deadly virus as the number of coronavirus cases are increasing rapidly since late February. Brazil recorded its deadliest death toll yet with 881 Covid-19 confirmed deaths in 24 hours. However, the mounting death toll doesn't seem to faze Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro who is arguing with state governors over opening up establishments like gyms and hair salons as "essential services" exempted from lockdown.

IRAN
Recorded cases **110,767**
Deaths **6,733**

Updates: Iran's Education Ministry announced that all the country's schools will reopen on May 16, after almost three months of closure in the wake of novel coronavirus outbreak. Iranian Education Minister Mohsen Haji Mirzaee said that the teachers and school staff will be available at schools during working hours. Students are not obligated to attend school, but they can partake in classes to ask questions and prepare for the exams.

INDONESIA
Recorded cases **15,438**
Deaths **1,028**

Updates: Indonesian government plans to conduct polymerase chain reaction (PCR) "pool tests" in eight provinces that have been hardest hit by the coronavirus outbreak, namely Jakarta, Banten, West Java, Central Java, East Java, Bali, North Sumatra and South Sulawesi. Covid-19 task force chief Doni Monardo said his task force was currently preparing a detailed plan on the pool tests, which would target 1,000 random people to get a rough idea of the rate of Covid-19 transmission in the epicentres of the outbreak.

SPAIN
Recorded cases **269,520**
Deaths **26,920**

Updates: Spain reported 594 cases in the past 24 hours, the lowest number in more than two months. La Liga has confirmed during the weekend that five players in Spain's first and second divisions tested positive for Covid-19 after health screenings were carried out at the 42 club training grounds as a first step towards a return for Spanish football.

ITALY
Recorded cases **221,216**
Deaths **30,911**

Updates: The daily Covid-19 death toll has slightly dropped in Italy though new cases have doubled. The rise in new cases was partly due to late reporting from the hard-hit Lombardy region, which said it found 419 infections from previous weeks that it had not logged. Coronavirus Emergency Commissioner Domenico Arcuri said "the country is on the right path" in regard to the first week after the easing of lockdown restrictions as the curve of the infection has normalised.

GERMANY
Recorded cases **173,273**
Deaths **7,754**

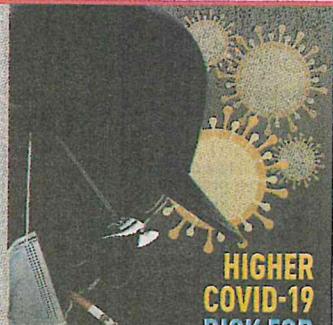
Updates: The number of new coronavirus infections and deaths in Germany has started to increase almost a week after the government's move to lift lockdown measures. The Robert Koch Institute reported 116 coronavirus-related deaths and 933 new infections on Tuesday, showing a sharp increase from the previous day. The new figures prompted concerns that relaxing lockdown measures could result in a rapid escalation of Covid-19 deaths and cases.

CHINA
Recorded cases **82,926**
Deaths **4,633**

Updates: Jilin, a northeastern Chinese city has partially shut its borders and cut off transport links after the emergence of a local coronavirus cluster that has fuelled growing fears of a second wave of infections in China. The city with a population of more than four million suspended bus services and said it will only allow residents to leave the city if they have tested negative for Covid-19 in the past 48 hours and completed an unspecified period of "strict self-isolation".

PHILIPPINES
Recorded cases **11,618**
Deaths **772**

Updates: The Department of Health (DoH) said 145 patients recovered from Covid-19 yesterday (May 13), highest single day record, bringing the total number of recoveries to 2,251. The DoH also reported 268 new confirmed Covid-19 cases, raising the total to 11,618. The country's death toll rose to 772 with 21 new fatalities.



HIGHER COVID-19 RISK FOR SMOKERS

A review of studies conducted by public health experts convened by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on April 29 found that smokers are more likely than non-smokers to develop severe disease with Covid-19.

Tobacco-smoking is a known risk factor for many respiratory infections and increases the severity of respiratory diseases, including Covid-19.

Smokers should take immediate steps to quit by using:

- 1• Toll-free quit lines
- 2• Mobile text-messaging programmes
- 3• Nicotine replacement therapies

LIST OF FAKE NEWS
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1 Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) dismissed claims that it had allowed Ramadan bazaars to be held after a video showing a crowd of people buying delicacies to break their fast in Kampung Pandan went viral. DBKL said investigations revealed that no Ramadan bazaar was being at the said location, but there was a roadside stall patronised by customers who did not observe social distancing.

2 The National Security Council (MKN) denied the authenticity of viral PowerPoint slides on the Standard Operating Procedures for festive celebrations during Phase 2 of the Conditional Movement Control Order.

3 The Johor Health Department refuted claims a Covid-19 patient was detected in the Kayu Ara Pasung area of the Pontian district as stated in a viral audio message on social media. The Department advised the public not to spread unverified news to avoid causing confusion among the people.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 2

RUANGAN : NATION

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Specialists call for review of decision to allow gatherings

PETALING JAYA: A group of medical specialists have expressed concern over the decision to allow small gatherings under the conditional movement control order (MCO) during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri season.

While welcoming the extension of the MCO until June 9 to curb the spread of Covid-19, the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (AMM) said it was "deeply disappointed" that small Hari Raya parties were still allowed.

"This could undo all the good work to control the Covid-19 pandemic thus far in our country."

"It has been proven that it only takes one infected person – especially asymptomatic or false-negative ones from the Covid-19 testing currently used – to spread the disease," it said in a statement.

AMM is a registered body representing medical specialists in Malaysia from 11 colleges and 15 chapters.

In appealing to the government to review the relaxation on its policy for gatherings, AMM proposed that face-to-face Hari Raya celebrations should only be among family members residing in the same house.

"We must remember the immense difficulties and massive resources needed to do contact tracing," said AMM, adding that new Covid-19 clusters were still surfacing, and the lack of vigilance would likely escalate the situation.

"An excessive relaxation of conditional MCO restrictions will potentially reverse hard-won victories achieved through the sacrifices of the rakyat and frontliners alike."

"Covid-19 remains an active threat and Malaysians need to work together to prevent its spread."

"We note that new clusters are still appearing and non-adherence to precautions will escalate this."

"We need to stay vigilant and not let our guard down."

"Current habits of good hand hygiene, maintaining physical distancing, avoiding mass gatherings and wearing of face masks in public must still be carried out," it said.

Among the signatories of the statement were the master of AMM Prof Dr Rosmawati Mohamed and the presidents of the Colleges of Anaesthesiologists (Datuk Dr Jahizah Hassan), Dental Specialists (Prof Datuk Dr Lian Chin Boon), Emergency Physicians (Dr Ridzuan Datuk Mohd Isa), Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (Dr Michael Samy), Ophthalmologists (Dr Nur Fariza Ngah), Paediatrics (Prof Dr Thong Meow Keong), Pathologists (Prof Dr Cheong Soon Keng), Physicians (Dr Letchuman Ramanathan), Public Health Medicine (Datuk Indera Dr Sha'ari Ngadiman), Radiology (Dr Amir Faiz Hussain) and Surgeons (Prof Dr April Camilla Roslan).

Seeing green instead of red



More areas with zero activity a good sign

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PETALING JAYA: The number of areas with zero active Covid-19 cases has more than doubled to 120 from 46 in the last 25 days, signalling steady progress in Malaysia's efforts to stem the coronavirus pandemic so far.

An analysis of the Health Ministry's Covid-19 figures also shows a clear and consistent downward trend in the number of active cases since April 8, three weeks after the movement control order (MCO) was implemented on March 18.

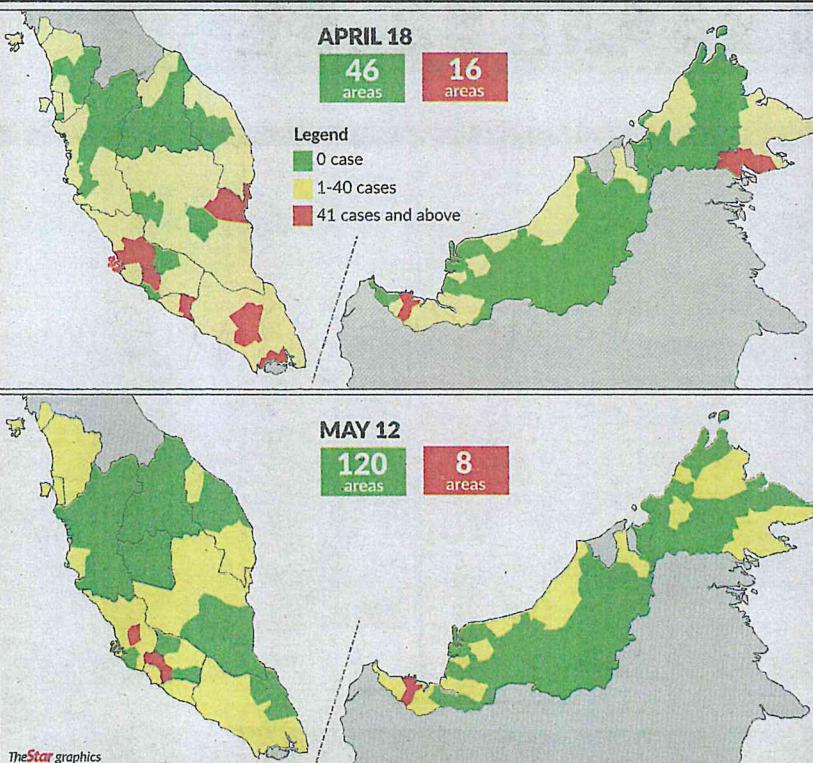
Active cases mean total confirmed cases minus deaths and recovered cases.

Each day, the ministry releases the number of confirmed and active cases in 201 areas nationwide which include districts and sub-districts.

Areas are colour-coded according to the number of cases, with red zones recording 41 or more cases.

Yellow zones have between one and 40 cases while green zones are

Covid-19: Comparison between April 18 and May 12



for areas with zero cases.

While it is too early to conclude that the country has turned the tide against Covid-19 due to the possibility of another flare-up or second wave of cases, the figures do show that the MCO has so far helped to slow down the growth in the number of cases.

Since April 18, the number of green zones – which stood at 46 – has gone up to 120 as of yesterday.

The number of red zones has meanwhile fallen in the same period by half from 16 to eight.

The eight current red zones are Petaling (Selangor); Batu, Ibu Kota, Kampung Baru and Sri Petaling (Kuala Lumpur); Rembau and Seremban (Negri Sembilan); and Kuching (Sarawak).

According to the World Health Organisation, the incubation period for Covid-19, which is the time

between exposure to the virus and symptom onset is on average between five and six days but can be up to 14 days.

In this regard, another positive indicator is that 122 or 60.7% of the 201 areas have not recorded any increase in the number of active cases for two weeks or longer.

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AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 6
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Obey SOP or it's MCO again

DG: People must observe social discipline or we risk another surge

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PUTRAJAYA: Strict adherence to the Health Ministry's standard operating procedure (SOP) during conditional movement control order (MCO) is crucial to prevent Covid-19 infection rates from increasing.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the success of the earlier phases of the MCO resulted in the Covid-19 "R0" value going down from 3.5 to 0.3.

R0 (pronounced r-nought) refers to the infectivity of a virus at the beginning of an outbreak in the community, that is the average of how many people can be infected by the positive case.

"For example, if the value of R is 4, this means that each positive case can spread the disease to four others."

"The value of R can be decreased if proper precautionary measures are taken continuously."

"Likewise, this value can rise again if the public becomes complacent and non-compliant."

"Lowering the value of R to less



than one continuously will help to end an outbreak," said Dr Noor Hisham at the ministry's daily Covid-19 press conference here yesterday, where he showed a graph detailing the Covid-19 modelling by the National Institute of Health.

Dr Noor Hisham said if the people fail to adhere to the SOP, it may result in the increase of the R0 value to 1.6, which in turn will result in an exponential surge of new cases.

"So, whether or not we go back to the MCO all depends on the ability of Malaysians to observe social discipline," he said.

The R0 value will also help the government to decide whether or not to open up more economic sec-



We must do better: Dr Noor Hisham said more sectors like social and education sectors will be opened up if there are signs that the preventive measures are working.

tors, including barber shops.

"By May 18, which is 14 days after the conditional MCO is in place, we'll see if the preventive measures are working."

"If we can bring the R0 down further, then rest assured we will

open up more sectors.

"We will also consider (opening up the) social and education sectors," he said.

On the reopening of borders, Dr Noor Hisham said such a move will be the "last option and resort" as many factors need to be considered.

He said the country has recorded 360 Covid-19 cases from Malaysians after they returned from abroad, and from that, 88 tested negative in the first swab.

He said the 88 only tested positive on the second swab on the 13th day of their quarantine.

"Because of that, we are very concerned about opening up the borders," he said.

He added that there will be strict SOP such as imposing a two week-quarantine upon arrival.

Earlier, he announced 37 new cases, taking the country's total to 6,779 cases, with 5,281 (or 77.9%) of them having been discharged from healthcare facilities.

There were also two new deaths and 58 more recoveries, which means there are only 1,387 active cases currently being treated at hospitals.

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : NATION

Varsity student tests positive

KOTA KINABALU: A youth at a local university here has become the first student to be tested positive for Covid-19.

State Health Department director Datuk Dr Christina Rundi said the case was detected during a screening exercise for students before they were allowed to return home.

"It was detected at a local university as part of screening to manage the movement of students in Sabah," she said in a statement here yesterday.

On Monday, 10 positive cases were detected in Sabah, including among students returning from the peninsula.

According to Dr Rundi, 1,408 out of the 7,000 students in Sabah allowed to return home had gone back to their districts.

Another 1,612 went back to Labuan,

Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia.

It is understood that Universiti Malaysia Sabah has temporarily stopped their students from returning home.

On Tuesday, Dr Rundi warned students who had gone back to strictly observe home quarantine procedure set by the Health Department.

She said some people, including students in Tawau, Penampang and Sandakan, who had ignored the home quarantine order could be charged under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988.

The department, she added, was also screening all passengers arriving at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport and at the Tawau and Sandakan airports from the peninsula and Sarawak.

AKHBAR : THE SUN**MUKA SURAT : 4****RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS**

Use 3Cs strategy to avoid infection, says Health DG

PETALING JAYA: Malaysians have been advised to abide by the 3Cs strategy to avoid being infected by the Covid-19 virus.

These include avoiding confined spaces, crowded places and conversations at close quarters with others.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the number of new cases will continue to drop only if people take these steps, as well as abide by the standard operating procedures (SOPs) laid down by the Health Ministry under the conditional movement control order (CMCO).

These SOPs include social

distancing, washing hands regularly and avoiding huge crowds.

He said the four phases of the CMCO have proven to be effective in curbing the spread of the coronavirus.

Noor Hisham, speaking at his daily media briefing on the pandemic said 37 new cases were reported as of noon yesterday, and among them, 21 were foreigners.

This brings the number of cases to 6,779. Of the new cases, four were imported and the rest were through local transmission.

In addition, there were two fatalities yesterday, bringing the death toll to 111. Sixteen people still

require ventilator support.

One of those who succumbed to the infection yesterday was a 30-year-old man from Rompin. He was found dead and an autopsy showed that he had the infection. Police are investigating. The other victim was a 90-year-old man who already had underlying health problems.

Noor Hisham said another 58 persons were discharged from hospital yesterday, bringing the number of those who have recovered to 5,281.

As a result of the drop in cases, seven hospitals have closed their intensive care units dedicated to the treatment of Covid-19 patients.