

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

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RUANGAN : NEWS/NATION

HIGHEST SINGLE-DAY COUNT

# RECORD SPIKE IN NEW VIRUS CASES AT 1,884

Selangor tops cases with 1,203 as folks told to postpone balik kampung plans

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**M**ALAYSIA registered 1,884 new Covid-19 cases yesterday, the country's highest single-day count since the pandemic began.

This eclipsed the previous total of 1,755 which was recorded on Nov 6. The new figures bring the tally of infections to 56,659, including 13,842 active cases.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said of the new cases, 1,882 were local transmissions and the remaining two were imported.

He said Selangor contributed the highest number of new cases with 1,203, making up 63.9 per cent of the total.

The breakdown of cases in Selangor was divided into three; 1,099 from existing clusters, 77 close contacts and 27 from various screenings.

The Teratai cluster, which was detected in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur on Nov 7, became the largest contributor of new cases in the Klang Valley with 1,067 cases, followed by the Damanlela cluster (105) and a new cluster, Bintang (75).

With the latest figure, cumulative positive cases under the Teratai cluster had increased to 2,524 or 43.8 per cent.

Dr Noor Hisham said most of the cases involved workers at a factory in Meru, Klang.

"A total of 5,767 people have been screened, 1,330 tested negative while 1,913 are awaiting results. The cluster consists of 164 locals and 2,360 foreigners aged between 2 and 68.

"The factory's management had isolated workers identified as close contacts to quarantine centres, with the dorms and workers' quarters already placed under the Enhanced Movement Control Order since Nov 17."

On new clusters, Dr Noor Hisham said four were identified up to noon yesterday as originat-



Frontliners at a workers' dormitory in Meru, Klang to carry out Covid-19 screening yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

ing from Peninsular Malaysia, with two in the Klang Valley.

The Bintang cluster, in particular, logged 75 new cases yesterday, ranking it among the top three clusters which contributed to the country's highest daily tally.

Dr Noor Hisham said the total number of active clusters stood at 168, of which 46 clusters recorded new cases.

"The Bintang cluster involves workers from a construction site at the Lembah Pantai district in Kuala Lumpur.

"The positive cases for this cluster were registered between Nov 17 and Nov 23 through targeted screening in the area.

"Up to Nov 23 (yesterday), 95 positive cases have been detected from this cluster, of which only one was a Malaysian and another 94 were foreign nationals."

The Indah Mas cluster involved the Titiwangsa and Kepong districts in Kuala Lumpur as well as the Petaling district in Selangor.

Another cluster, Teja Kasih, involving the Kampar and Kinta districts in Perak, was detected after the index case (Case 48,506) tested positive on Nov 16.

Dr Noor Hisham said Sabah recorded 289 cases, followed by Kuala Lumpur with 196 cases yesterday.

The Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre also reported two Covid-19 deaths up to noon, raising the nationwide death toll to 337.

A total of 883 patients have been discharged from hospitals, bringing the total recoveries to 42,480.

Dr Noor Hisham said 115 cases were receiving treatment in Intensive Care Units, with 48 requiring ventilator support.

He also declared that the Jambul, Surat and Hampar clusters had officially ended.

On a related development, Dr Noor Hisham said the Health Ministry had put in place guidelines to stem the tide of Covid-19 infections in flood relief centres.

He said the guidelines were also to curb the transmission of other flood-related communicable diseases.

"We have always taken preventive measures during flood seasons every year.

"But this year, we are also trying to contain the spread of Covid-19.

"Cubicles must be erected 2m apart, there must also be areas to wash hands, face masks must be worn and other standard operating procedures must be adhered to," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham also said the ministry would only conduct targeted Covid-19 screening at evacuation centres if necessary.

"Unless the individuals are close contacts or displaying symptoms, we will not be screening them."

Dr Noor Hisham also advised the public to postpone their "balik kampung" plans, especially if they were coming from red zones.

"It is not advisable because individuals could be carriers of the virus but may not be aware of it.

"This is important so that we can maintain green zones, and not allow them to regress into red zones."

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## DISTRIBUTION

## Kanger gets nod on Covid-19 vaccines

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Kanger International Bhd has received the National Institutes of Biotechnology Malaysia's (NIBM) nod to distribute Covid-19 vaccines and medical equipment in Malaysia.

NIBM, an agency under the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry, issued a letter to Kanger stating that it had no objections for the latter to get Covid-19 vaccines from China for private sector use in Malaysia.

"This is a positive step for Kanger in its efforts to commence the distribution of Sinopharm's Covid-19 vaccines in Malaysia. The letter from the ministry, via NIBM, will strengthen Kanger's negotiations to purchase the Covid-19 vaccines for private sector use in Malaysia," the company said in a filing with Bursa Malaysia.

Kanger had in September inked a three-year collaboration agreement with Sinopharm Group Hunan Changde Medical Co Ltd to distribute Covid-19 vaccines and medical equipment in Malaysia.

The vaccines and medical equipment are developed by China National Pharmaceutical Group Corporation (Sinopharm).

Sinopharm, a Chinese state-owned enterprise, is the largest and oldest biotech company in China.

The firm has developed two Covid-19 vaccines which have already entered Phase 3 trials and are in the final stage before being approved for general use in more than 10 countries.

Kanger said Sinopharm's vaccines could be transported and stored at fridge temperatures of 2°C to 8°C.

The firm said that to facilitate the safe storage, handling and distribution of the vaccines, it would work with Zuellig Pharma Sdn Bhd, the largest vaccine distributor in Malaysia and Asia.

On Oct 26, Kanger inked a

memorandum of understanding with Zuellig Pharma on the distribution of the vaccines.

"As one of the licence holders authorised by the government to handle the distribution of vaccines, Zuellig Pharma has extensive capabilities to distribute the vaccines in temperature-controlled environments," it said.

Kanger said the distribution of the Sinopharm vaccines was subject to and conditional upon approvals from the Health Ministry, National Pharmaceutical

Regulatory Agency and other relevant authorities or third parties, if required.

Even though Kanger may not have the prior experience to undertake the distribution of Covid-19 vaccines, it will hire an experienced team to mitigate the risks, the company said.

**This is a positive step for Kanger in its efforts to commence the distribution of Sinopharm's Covid-19 vaccines in Malaysia.**

**KANGER INTERNATIONAL BHD**

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 21

RUANGAN : WORLD

70-90PC EFFICACY

# ASTRA/OXFORD SEEK VACCINE OK

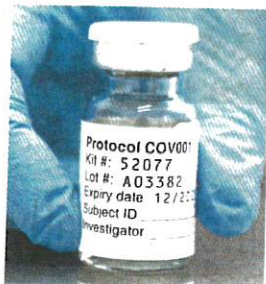
It has 'great advantage' over Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna's vaccines

LONDON

**B**RITISH drugs group AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford said yesterday they will seek regulatory approval for their coronavirus vaccine after "effective" trials, in the latest potential boost to curbing the pandemic.

The partners announced that while the vaccine showed an average 70 per cent effectiveness, the level jumped to 90 per cent depending on dosage.

Manufacturers Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna last week said trials of their vaccines showed effectiveness above 90 per cent in what was hailed as a breakthrough in stopping the spread of the virus.



A vial of Covid-19 vaccine jointly developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University. EPA PIC

Prime Minister Boris Johnson called the announcement "incredibly exciting".

"There are still further safety checks ahead but these are fantastic results," he said.

Despite varying outcomes, AstraZeneca chief executive Pascal Soriot insisted his firm's vaccine would have "immediate impact".

"AstraZeneca will now immediately prepare regulatory submission of the data to authorities around the world that have a

framework in place for conditional or early approval," he said.

The firm said it would look to develop up to three billion doses of the vaccine next year after passing regulatory hurdles.

Pfizer/BioNTech's vaccine has to be stored at -70°C, much colder than a standard freezer. That has prompted questions about distribution and storage, as well as higher costs, particularly for low-income countries.

But the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine could be stored, transported and handled "at normal refrigerated conditions" of between 2°C and 8°C for at least six months.

The vaccine showed 90 per cent efficacy when given as a half-dose, followed by a full-dose at least one month apart. The result was 62 per cent as two full doses in the same period.

"We think that by giving a smaller first dose that we're priming the immune system differently, we're setting it up better to respond," said Andrew Pollard, chief investigator of the Oxford Vaccine Trial.

Peter Openshaw, professor of experimental medicine at Impe-

rial College London, said a combination of half and full doses "is great news, increasing the number of people that can be vaccinated and reducing costs".

More than 23,000 adults in the UK and Brazil have taken part in the Astra/Oxford trials, with the number expected to rise to up to 60,000, thanks to testing also in other countries.

G20 leaders on Sunday said they would "spare no effort" to ensure the fair distribution of coronavirus vaccines worldwide and support poor countries, whose economies have been ravaged by the crisis.

Gillies O'Bryan-Tear, from the UK Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, said the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine had a "great advantage" over Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna.

"It can be manufactured easily and transported at fridge temperatures, so can be transported and stored using the existing vaccine cold-chain infrastructure.

"The group has promised to provide the vaccine not-for-profit to developing nations," he said.

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AKHBAR : THE STAR  
 MUKA SURAT : 11  
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# 28 Top Glove factories to be closed

## Ismail Sabri: Shutdown will be in stages, plant workers will be tested

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**PETALING JAYA:** A total of 28 factories belonging to Top Glove in Kapar, Klang, will be closed in stages following a surge in Covid-19 cases linked to the Teratai cluster.

"There are 1,067 cases there today (Monday) alone. The factories will be closed gradually so that their workers can be tested," said Senior Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

Last Tuesday, a Top Glove workers' dormitory and the surrounding area were placed under an enhanced movement control order (MCO).

Top Glove, in a statement yesterday, explained that it had temporarily stopped production in 16 facilities in Meru, Klang, since last Wednesday.

The remaining 12 facilities in Meru had been operating at much reduced capacities.

"We have completed full screening of about 5,700 workers at our hostels," it said, adding that it would proceed to screen the rest of the workers and staff of its factories in Meru.

"Disinfection exercises at our premises and accommodation are also conducted regularly, with all the necessary precautionary measures strictly in place," it added.

Yesterday, Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah told a press briefing that the factory management had stated that the entire worker population there numbered about 13,000 people working in 28 dif-



**Uncertain future:** A worker collecting daily essentials near a Top Glove workers' dormitory checkpoint at Taman Daya Meru in Klang. — KK SHAM/The Star

ferent buildings. "The Klang District Health Office is working with the factory management to conduct a screening on all its employees," he said. He noted that 5,767 people had been

screened so far with 2,524 of them testing positive, while 1,913 others were awaiting the results. The cases in this cluster, Dr Noor Hisham said, comprised 164 Malaysians and 2,360

foreigners whose ages ranged from two to 68.

"All the positive cases have been admitted to hospital and their close contacts have been quarantined to prevent the virus from spreading to other workers," he said.

So far, no one in this cluster requires treatment at the intensive care unit. No deaths have been reported as well.

In another development, the government has allowed restaurants and certain businesses such as convenience stores and petrol stations in areas under the conditional MCO to open until midnight.

The decision was made after numerous requests were made to extend their closing time, which was set at 10pm, said Ismail Sabri.

"This change in operating hours will take immediate effect," he told reporters.

He also said that the enhanced MCO had been enforced at the Seremban prison and the prison quarters for 14 days until Dec 7, which would impact 2,080 people.

"The Health Ministry has conducted 246 Covid-19 tests there and 25 positive cases were found," he said.

Ismail Sabri also said that the conditional MCO in Kuching had been extended to Nov 27.

On enforcement updates, he said 807 people had been detained on Sunday for failing to adhere to the SOP.

Nationwide *Ops Benteng* statistics showed that 85 illegal immigrants were arrested.

# Another record daily high with 1,884 new cases



**Mobile convenience:** A worker from a Sandakan health office conducting a swab test at a drive-through facility at Taman Tyng, Sabah. The event, which was the first to be held in the district, is part of the Health Department's efforts to make Covid-19 screenings more accessible to local residents, with full safety precautions during the process. — Bernama

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Malaysia hit a record daily high of 1,882 new Covid-19 infections, with Selangor leading the surge in cases.

Previously, the most number of new infections in a single day was 1,755, which was recorded on Nov 6.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said Selangor recorded almost 64% (1,203) of the latest infections.

Sabah, which had often "topped" the list, saw 289 cases or 15.3%.

Kuala Lumpur reported 196 cases or 10.4%.

"The high number of new Covid-19 cases in the Klang Valley is mainly due to the clusters that are linked to workplaces, such as the Teratai cluster which has 1,067 cases and the Damanlela cluster with 101 cases," Dr Noor Hisham explained during the Covid-19

daily briefing yesterday.

The Teratai cluster is linked to workers of Top Glove factories in Klang, while the Damanlela cluster is related to a shopping mall construction site in Kuala Lumpur.

The Health Ministry has also detected four new clusters, of which two were in the Klang Valley area (Bintang cluster and Indah Mas cluster), while the other were in Johor (Kobena cluster) and Perak (Teja Kasih cluster).

Dr Noor Hisham said the Bintang cluster, which has 95 cases linked to it, involved workers of a construction site in the Lembah Pantai district.

As of yesterday, there are 168 active clusters in Malaysia.

In total, Malaysia's caseload stood at 56,659 cases since January.

Yesterday, 883 patients were discharged, making it 42,480 people who have recovered from the virus so far.



Active cases, or number of patients who are currently under hospital care, have gone up to 13,842.

There are 115 patients in intensive care units, with 48 of them requiring ventilator support.

Dr Noor Hisham also said there were two new deaths - an 80-year-old man at the Duchess of Kent Hospital in Sandakan and a 58-year-old woman at the Sabah's Women and Children Hospital.

The Covid-19 death toll is now 337.

Dr Noor Hisham also said the latest Covid-19 mortality statistics revealed that 64% of

deaths involved those who were at least 60 years old.

The findings also showed that at least 87% of the deaths have at least one underlying health condition.

"That's why we have always advised the people; if you are from a red zone, you should be wary about going to see the elderly and the vulnerable.

"Those returning to the kampung may be carrying the virus if they are from a red zone area. The vulnerable group does not have strong antibodies, so we must protect them," he said.

AKHBAR : THE SUN

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS

# Highest daily Covid cases recorded

➤ 1,884 new infections surpass figure of 1,755 registered on Nov 6

**PETALING JAYA:** Malaysia yesterday recorded the highest ever daily tally of 1,884 Covid-19 infections, surpassing the 1,755 cases recorded on Nov 6.

Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said of the total, Selangor recorded the highest number of cases at 1,203 cases, with 1,067 from the Teratai cluster.

The other new cases were in Sabah, which recorded 289, Kuala Lumpur with 196, Perak - 81, Negri Sembilan - 41, Kedah - 36, Johor - 15, Penang - 12, Kelantan with nine while Putrajaya and Perlis recorded one case each.

"This brings the total number of positive cases to 56,659, with 13,842 being cases with active infectivity. Of the total new cases, 1,882 are local transmissions while the other two are imported cases which were contracted abroad," he said at a press conference on Covid-19.

The number of recovered cases was at 883, bringing the cumulative recoveries to 42,480, or 75% of total cases. There were two deaths recorded yesterday, with the toll now at 337.

Noor Hisham said 115 positive cases were still being treated in the intensive care units, with 48 requiring ventilator support.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry is discussing with the Singapore government to

allow Malaysians to travel from Johor to the republic for work.

Senior Minister (Security) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the proposed standard operating procedures (SOP) for this had been drawn up by the Johor government and the Johor health department for scrutiny by the Health Ministry.

"I understand that almost 200,000 Malaysians working in Singapore commute by motorcycle and other means. This matter is under discussion by the Foreign Ministry because it involves bilateral cooperation between Malaysia and Singapore.

"The Health Ministry will discuss the proposed SOP with its Singapore counterpart and only after an agreement has been reached would the foreign ministries (of both countries) get down to discussing the approval for travel," he told a separate media conference.

Ismail Sabri said the National Security Council (NSC) would gather information on Malaysians working in Singapore, particularly those who might have run into problems because of the travel restrictions.

"We have asked NSC to get more details on the problems faced by Malaysian workers in Singapore," he added.

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN  
MUKA SURAT : 3  
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penularan COVID-19

## Kes tertinggi sejak virus landa negara

Pertambahan 1,884 kes menjadikan jumlah kumulatif jangkitan cecah 56,659

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**Putrajaya:** Malaysia merekodkan angka harian tertinggi baharu jangkitan COVID-19 dengan 1,884 kes semalam, sejak pandemik itu menular ke negara ini.

Sebelum ini, jumlah kes harian tertinggi ialah 1,755 kes dicatatkan pada 6 November lalu.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata pertambahan itu menjadikan jumlah kumulatif jangkitan wabak berkenaan mencecah 56,659 dengan 13,842 kes aktif.

Beliau berkata, tiga negeri menyumbang angka tertinggi, semalam termasuk Selangor yang melaporkan 1,203 kes baharu (63.9 peratus).

"Ia diikuti Sabah yang menyumbang 289 kes (15.3 peratus) dan Kuala Lumpur membabitkan 196 kes (10.4 peratus).

"Pertambahan kes di Lembah Klang berpunca peningkatan jangkitan dalam kluster sedia ada.

"Ia termasuk Kluster Teratai dengan 1,067 kes (76.2 peratus) dan Kluster Damanlela sebanyak 101 kes (7.2 peratus)," katanya pada sidang media COVID-19 di sini, semalam.

Setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam, 883 pesakit dilaporkan

sembuh, menjadikan jumlah kumulatifnya 42,480 kes (75.0).

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, dua kes kematian dilaporkan di Sabah semalam, menjadikan jumlah kes kematian disebabkan COVID-19 di negara ini sebanyak 337 kes atau 0.6 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Beliau berkata, kes kematian dilaporkan di Hospital Duchess of Kent membabitkan lelaki tempatan berusia 80 tahun dan tidak mempunyai penyakit, manakala kes kedua ialah wanita tempatan berusia 80 tahun dan mempunyai penyakit darah tinggi, penyakit jantung serta penyakit obstruktif paru-paru kronik (COAD).

Mengenai kluster terbaru, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, empat lagi dikesan semalam membabitkan beberapa kawasan di Lembah Klang, Perak dan Johor.

Beliau berkata, kluster pertama dikesan di Lembah Pantai, Kuala Lumpur dikenali sebagai Kluster Bintang.

Katanya, kluster berkenaan membabitkan sebuah tapak pembinaan di situ selepas pihaknya menjalankan saringan secara bersasar pada 17 hingga 23 November lalu dan sehingga kini sudah menjangkiti 95 individu.

"Bagi kluster kedua, ia dikenali Kluster Indah Mas dikesan di Titiwangsa, Kepong dan Petaling yang hingga kini sudah menjangkiti 41 individu.

"Kluster ketiga pula dikenali Kluster Teja Kasih membabitkan Kamper dan Kinta di Perak. Sehingga kini seramai 41 individu sudah dijangkiti COVID-19," katanya.

Kluster keempat, katanya, dikenali Kluster Kobena di Johor Bahru yang kini menjangkiti 11 individu.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Kluster Teratai membabitkan pekerja kilang di Meru, Klang mencatatkan peningkatan kes positif COVID-19 baharu tertinggi, iaitu 1,067 kes.

Beliau berkata, kluster itu menunjukkan peningkatan kes mendadak sejak akhir-akhir ini.

Katanya, hingga semalam, sebanyak 2,524 kes positif COVID-19 dilaporkan daripada keseluruhan 5,767 kes disaring dalam kluster membabitkan Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur itu.

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 1,330 sampel adalah negatif dan 1,913 masih menunggu keputusan.

"Kes dalam kluster ini membabitkan 164 warganegara dan 2,360 bukan warganegara berusia antara dua hingga 68 tahun.

"Kebanyakan kes daripada kluster ini, pekerja kilang di kawasan Meru, Klang.

"Semua kes positif dimasukkan ke hospital dan kontak rapat mereka dikuarantin untuk mengelakkan jangkitan kepada pekerja lain," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, pihak pengurusan kilang sudah mengambil langkah mengasingkan pekerja dikenal pasti kontak rapat di tempat kuarantin tertentu.

"Pihak Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah (PKD) Klang sedang bekerjasama dengan pengurusan kilang untuk perancangan membuat saringan ke atas semua pekerja ini.

"Perbincangan di peringkat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Daerah (JPBD) sudah diadakan dengan pelbagai agensi kerajaan, 23 November lalu dan turut mencadangkan penutupan kilang berkaitan secara berperingkat," katanya.



**Dua kes kematian dilaporkan di Sabah semalam, menjadikan jumlah kes kematian disebabkan COVID-19 di negara ini sebanyak 337 kes atau 0.6 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.**

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

Sementara itu di Kuala Lumpur, Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, berkata 28 kilang pengeluar sarung tangan, Top Glove di Klang akan ditutup secara berperingkat susulan peningkatan kes jangkitan COVID-19 membabitkan pekerja kilang berkenaan.

Ismail Sabri berkata, penutupan secara berperingkat akan diselaraskan Jawatan Kuasa Kerja Keselamatan Negeri Selangor bersama pihak pengurusan Top Glove.

Katanya, penutupan 28 kilang itu bagi membolehkan semua pekerja menjalani ujian saringan dan kuarantin.

Sebelum ini, Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) dilaksanakan selama 14 hari di asrama pekerja asing Top Glove Corp Bhd di Meru, Klang, mulai Selasa minggu lalu selepas KKM mengesan 215 kes positif COVID-19.

**AKHBAR : KOSMO**  
**MUKA SURAT : 4**  
**RUANGAN : NEGARA**

## Selangor, Sabah dan Kuala Lumpur penyumbang kes baharu **Rekod tertinggi kes Covid-19**

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**PUTRAJAYA** – Kes harian Covid-19 semalam melaporkan angka tertinggi sejak pandemik itu melanda negara dengan 1,884 kes baharu menjadikan jumlah kes positif sebanyak 56,659 kes.

Tiga negeri penyumbang kes tertinggi semalam membabitkan Selangor dengan 1,203 kes atau 63.9 peratus diikuti oleh Sabah (289 kes) atau 15.3 peratus dan seterusnya, Kuala Lumpur (196 kes) atau 10.4 peratus.

Kes positif yang tinggi di Lembah Klang berpunca daripada pertambahan kes dalam kluster terutama berkaitan tempat kerja iaitu Kluster Teratai dengan pertambahan sebanyak 1,067 kes (76.2 peratus) dan Klus-

ter Damanlela sebanyak 101 kes (7.2 peratus).

Negeri Sabah masih melaporkan jumlah agak tinggi walaupun telah berkurang berbanding kelakangan ini iaitu sebanyak 289 kes dan daripada jumlah tersebut, 164 kes atau 56.7 peratus hasil saringan kontak rapat.

Sebanyak 33 kes atau 1.8 peratus pula disumbangkan Kluster Bakti, Kluster GK Tawau, Kluster Penjara Seberang Perai, Kluster Penjara Sandakan, Kluster PTS Tawau dan Kluster Tembok.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, empat kluster baharu dilaporkan dan satu daripadanya Kluster Bintang di Lembah Pantai dengan 95 kes

positif dan satu daripadanya warga Malaysia.

Menurutnya, Kluster Indah Mas di Titiwangsa dan Kepong, Kuala Lumpur serta Petaling, Selangor dengan kes indeks saringan bergejala dan susulan itu, 10 lagi dikesan positif.

"Seterusnya, Kluster Teja Kasih di Kampar dan Kinta, Perak dengan kes indeks ini adalah saringan bergejala dan kemudian, 41 lagi kes dikesan positif dalam kluster ini," katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, Kluster Kobena di Johor Bahru pula dengan kes indeks jangkitan pernafasan akut teruk (SARI) yang positif Covid-19 dan susulan itu, 13 kes lagi dikesan positif.

Sementara itu, Noor Hisham

memberitahu, Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah (PKD) Klang akan bekerjasama dengan penguurusan kilang Top Glove bagi membuat saringan ke atas kira-kira 13,000 pekerja di 28 kilang itu susulan peningkatan kes dicatatkan Kluster Teratai di Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur.

Menurutnya, peningkatan kes mendadak sejak akhir-akhir ini dan sehingga semalam terdapat 2,524 kes positif dilaporkan daripada keseluruhan 5,767 kes yang telah disaring.

Menurutnya, sebanyak 1,330 sampel adalah negatif, manakala 1,913 lagi masih menunggu keputusan dan kes dalam kluster ini terdiri daripada 164 warga Malaysia dan 2,360 warga asing berusia antara dua hingga 68 tahun.

**Angka Terkini Kes Covid-19 Di Malaysia sehingga semalam**

	Jumlah
Kes baharu	1,884
Import: 2 Tempatan: 1,882	
Pullih	883
Kematian	2
Masih dirawat	13,842
Jumlah kes sembuh	42,480
Jumlah Kematian	337
<b>Jumlah kes keseluruhan</b>	<b>56,659</b>

"Kebanyakan kes merupakan pekerja kilang di kawasan Meru, Klang dan semua kes positif telah dimasukkan ke hospital, manakala kontak rapat dikuarantin untuk mengelakkan jangkitan kepada pekerja lain," jelasnya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO  
MUKA SURAT : 5  
RUANGAN : NEGARA

## Bayaran ujian Covid-19 serendah RM30

**PETALING JAYA** – Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) semalam berkongsi kadar bayaran ujian pengesanan Covid-19 di fasiliti kesihatan kerajaan.

KKM dalam satu kenyataan di laman Facebook memaklumkan, bagi individu yang menjalankan ujian pengesanan Covid-19 bagi tindak balas berantai polimerase (Rt-PCR), mereka akan dikenakan bayaran RM150 untuk warganegara dan RM250 bukan warganegara.

"Bagi kit ujian pantas (RTK) Antigen, warganegara dikenakan bayaran RM60, manakala bukan warganegara RM120.

"Bayaran kit ujian pantas (RTK) Antibodi adalah RM30 bagi warganegara, manakala bukan warganegara sebanyak RM60," katanya di sini semalam.

Tambahnya, penjawat awam yang menjalankan tugas rasmi di dalam dan luar negara termasuk warganegara dan bukan warganegara yang disyaki positif Covid-19 tidak akan dikenakan bayaran.

"Pengecualian itu turut merangkumi warganegara dan bukan warganegara yang mempunyai kontak rapat kepada kes positif Covid-19 dan penduduk di Kawasan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan.

"Individu di bawah surveilan bagi penyakit seperti influenza like illness (ILI) dan jangkitan pernafasan akut teruk (SARI) juga tidak dikenakan bayaran termasuklah pengembara dari luar negara yang mendapat pengecualian bayaran ujian pengesanan Covid-19," ujarnya.



PENDUDUK di bawah pelaksanaan PKPD yang menjalani ujian saringan Covid-19 tidak akan dikenakan bayaran. – GAMBAR HIASAN



AKHBAR : METRO

MUKA SURAT : 10

RUANGAN : COVID-19

## Jangkitan Covid-19 catat rekod baharu dengan 1,884 kes

**Kuala Lumpur:** Kes jangkitan Covid-19 di Malaysia, semalam melonjak apabila merekodkan jumlah tertinggi dengan 1,884 kes baharu, sekali gus menjadikan jumlah kumulatif penularan wabak itu sebanyak 56,659 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, ia secara tidak langsung menjadikan jumlah kebolehhangkitan Covid-19 meningkat kepada 13,842 kes.

Menurutnya, daripada jumlah kes baharu itu, dua kes import manakala 1,882 kes membabitkan penularan tempatan.

Katanya, tiga negeri mencatatkan kes tertinggi ialah Selangor (1,203 kes) diikuti Sabah (289) dan Kuala Lumpur (166).

"Pelaporan kes positif Covid-19 yang tertinggi adalah berpunca daripada pertambahan kes bagi Kluster Teratai (1,067 kes) dan Kluster Damanlela (101 kes).

"Sebanyak 33 kes daripada keseluruhan kes, hari ini (semalam) adalah berkaitan kluster di pusat ta-

hanan sementara, lokap dan penjara membabitkan Kluster Bakti (12 kes), Kluster GK Tawau (9 kes), Kluster Penjara Seberang Perai (7 kes), Kluster Penjara Sandakan (3 kes), Kluster PTS Tawau (1 kes) dan Kluster Tembok (1 kes)," katanya dalam sidang media, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, setakat ini terdapat 115 pesakit positif Covid-19 dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dengan 48 daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Selain itu, katanya, negara turut mencatatkan bilangan kes pulih Covid-19 yang tinggi iaitu 883 kes, semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya adalah 42,480 kes atau 75 peratus daripada keseluruhan kes.

"Daripada maklumat terkini yang dilaporkan ke Pusat Kesiapsiagaan dan Tindakan Cepat Krisis Kebangsaan (CPRC), ada dua kematian berkaitan Covid-19 menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan 337 kes kematian," katanya.

## Ada sembilan kluster aktif di Johor

**Johor Bahru:** Terdapat sembilan kluster yang aktif di negeri ini setakat kelmarin.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kesihatan dan Alam Sekitar negeri, R Vidyananthan berkata, setakat semalam juga terdapat sembilan kes baharu dilaporkan di negeri ini.

Katanya, ia membabitkan enam kes daripada kluster sedia ada iaitu satu kes import dan dua kes daripada lain-lain saringan Covid-19. "Setakat semalam, terda-

pat sembilan kluster Covid-19 yang masih aktif di negeri Johor iaitu Kluster Kota Kecil, Kluster Makmur, Kluster Kiambang, Kluster Parit Kassan, Kluster Jeri, Kluster Meldrum, Kluster Bayu, Kluster Kempas dan Kluster Padang.

"Pengesanan kontak rapat dan ujian Covid-19 giat dijalankan Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah

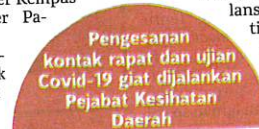
Daerah" katanya dalam kenyataan di sini, semalam.

Menurut Vidyananthan, pemerhatian aktiviti ACD mendapati kerap berlaku kes bergejala tidak mendapatkan rawatan dengan segera.

Katanya, sekiranya ada gejala seperti demam, batuk, sukar bernafas dan lain-lain, dapatkan rawatan dengan segera kerana berkeungkinan dijangkiti Covid-19.

Peningkatan kes yang dilaporkan sehingga kini, masih lagi disebabkan pencaharian kes secara aktif (ACD) dan aktiviti surve-

lans yang dipertingkatkan bagi mengengkang penularan secepat mungkin.



**AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN**  
**MUKA SURAT : 10**  
**RUANGAN : MEMERANGAI WABAK COVID-19**

## Kelantan mungkin sambung PKPB jika kes masih tinggi

**KOTA BHARU** - Kelantan tidak menolak kemungkinan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) di negeri itu disambung sekiranya kes koronavirus (Covid-19) masih meningkat.

Timbalan Menteri Besar, Datuk Mohd Amar Nik Abdulah berkata, perkara tersebut akan ditentukan berpandukan tempoh masa dua minggu se-

jak PKPB dimulakan.

"Ada kenyataan daripada pakar yang mengatakan kemungkinan jangkitan Covid-19 di Kelantan menjadi seperti Sabah memandangkan sifat penduduk negeri ini yang suka bersosial.

"Jadi, kita meminta penduduk Kelantan mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) bagi memutuskan rangkaian

Covid-19.

"Kita juga berharap pelaksanaan PKPB ini mampu menurunkan kes dengan menghadkan perjalanan bagi mengelak berlaku penularan seperti di Sabah," katanya di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, rakyat perlu mempunyai kesedaran yang tinggi bagi memastikan pandemik tersebut dapat diputus-

kan secepat mungkin.

Beliau berkata, pihaknya juga tidak menolak kemungkinan langkah lebih drastik diambil berdasarkan keputusan yang diperoleh dalam dua minggu pelaksanaan PKPB.

"Agak sukar sekarang kerana mereka yang positif tidak mengalami sebarang gejala menyebabkan pergerakan mereka tidak terkawal," katanya.



**MOHD AMAR**

## Kuarters warga asing atasi masalah Covid-19

**KUALA LUMPUR** - Cadangan penyediaan kuarters bagi pekerja asing dijangka mampu menyelesaikan masalah penularan koronavirus (Covid-19) dalam kalangan pekerja terabit yang tinggal bersesak dalam satu kediaman.

Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan, Tan Sri Annuar Musa berkata, ia juga mampu menyelesaikan masalah penginapan terlalu lama pekerja asing yang tamat permit atau pelanggaran peraturan imigresen.

Menurutnya, ramai kontraktor atau majikan yang membawa masuk pekerja asing tanpa menyediakan tempat tinggal dan mereka akan tidur di kawasan yang tidak sepatutnya sehingga menimbulkan masalah kepada orang ramai.

"Selepas tamat tempoh kontrak mereka akan *overstay* dan penguatkuasaan menjadi sukar," katanya di sini semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, katanya, kejadian kes positif Covid-19 terbukti merebak di tempat sesak seperti yang pernah berlaku di Pasar Borong Kuala Lumpur, tapak pembinaan dekat Jalan Ampang dan Damanlela kerana

tidak mempunyai tempat tinggal yang mematuhi piawai yang ditetapkan.

"Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin mengesyorkan kajian dibuat untuk memilih lokasi tertentu untuk penyediaan kuarters warga asing," katanya.

Menurutnya, perkara itu telah dimaklumkan kepada Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) dan Perbadanan Putrajaya (PPj) untuk membuat penelitian cadangan tersebut.

"Ada pihak swasta yang tampil mengemukakan cadangan mewujudkan kuarters sebagai pendekatan jangka panjang selain masalah *overstay* serta pekerja yang melanggar peraturan imigresen.

"Kita sudah meneliti beberapa aspek, antaranya kadar bayaran. Jika terlalu tinggi mungkin membebankan mereka (majikan, kontraktor) dan tiada pihak yang nak buat jika bayaran terlalu rendah.

"Masalah tempat tinggal dan isu lain seperti makanan atau pengangkutan juga dapat diselesaikan jika mereka tinggal setempat tetapi perlu diteliti dengan lebih lanjut," katanya.



**Annuar (kanan) bercakap kepada pemberita di Kuala Lumpur semalam.**

# Kuarters, Penjara Seremban kena PKPD

Mulai hari ini hingga 7 Disember ini

**KUALA LUMPUR**

**P**enjara Seremban dan Kuarters Penjara Seremban menjadi kawasan terbaharu dikenakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) selama 14 hari mulai hari ini hingga 7 Disember depan.

Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, pelaksanaan PKPD itu akan meliputi keseluruhan kawasan Penjara Seremban termasuk blok penjara, bangunan pentadbiran serta kuarters pegawai dan kakitangan yang melibatkan 2,080 penghuni.

"Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) telah melaksanakan 246 ujian saringan bersasar dan sebanyak 25 kes positif koronavirus (Covid-19) direkodkan di penjara ini

"Justeru, keputusan itu dibuat berdasarkan penilaian risiko dan atas nasihat KKM," katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Ismail Sabri memaklumkan, PKPD yang sebelum ini dikenakan di Kuching, Sarawak; Kampung Sabah Baru, Lahad Datu, Sabah; dan Putra Point Nilai, masing-masing dilanjutkan sehingga 27 November, 7 Disember dan 30 November depan.

Katanya, PKPD di Kuching yang bermula 9 November dan sepatutnya berakhir kelmarin, dilanjutkan berikutan terdapat baki 58 kes aktif melibatkan beberapa kluster di daerah itu dari-



**Ismail Sabri pada sidang akhbar di Kuala Lumpur semalam.**

pada 1,055 kes kumulatif positif Covid-19 yang dikesan setakat ini.

"Di Kampung Sabah Baru, yang sebelum ini dikenakan PKPD sejak 10 November lalu sehingga esok (hari ini) pula dilanjutkan berikutan terdapat 200 kes positif Covid-19 hasil 1,914 ujian saringan yang dilakukan sehingga 15 November lalu.

"Bagi PKPD di Putra Point Nilai, sebanyak 436 ujian saringan dilaksanakan dan 314 kes positif Covid-19 direkodkan di lokaliti itu setakat ini. Ujian saringan kedua dilakukan hari ini (semalam) dan pelanjutan tempoh itu adalah untuk menunggu semua keputusan sampel saringan kedua diperoleh," katanya.

Untuk rekod Putra Point Nilai sebelum ini dikenakan PKPD bermula 28 Oktober lalu dan sepatutnya berakhir hari ini.

Sementara itu, Ismail Sabri berkata, sebanyak 28 kilang Top

Glove di Klang, Selangor ditutup secara berperingkat bagi membolehkan pekerja menjalani ujian saringan dan proses kuarantin.

Beliau berkata, pelaksanaan arahan tersebut akan diselaraskan oleh Jawatankuasa Kerja Keselamatan Negeri Selangor dengan kerjasama pengurusan syarikat tersebut.

"KKM memaklumkan berlaku peningkatan ketara kes positif Covid-19 dalam kalangan pekerja kilang tersebut. Sehingga hari ini (semalam), KKM melaksanakan 5,794 saringan dan sebanyak 1,889 kes positif Covid-19 direkodkan. Justeru, keputusan itu dibuat berdasarkan penilaian risiko dan atas nasihat KKM," katanya.

Kerajaan sebelum ini mengumumkan pelaksanaan PKPD di asrama pekerja lelaki dan asrama pekerja wanita syarikat sarung tangan tersebut bermula 17 November lalu. - *Bernama*

**AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN**  
**MUKA SURAT : 11**  
**RUANGAN : MEMERANGAI WABAK COVID-19**

# Malaysia catat 1,884 kes baharu

Rekod jumlah harian tertinggi sejak pandemik Covid-19 menular ke negara ini

**PUTRAJAYA**

Jangkitan Covid-19 di Malaysia semalam merekodkan jumlah kes harian tertinggi baharu pada 1,884 kes sejak pandemik itu menular ke negara ini. Sebelum ini, jumlah kes harian tertinggi ialah 1,755 kes yang dicatatkan pada 6 November lalu.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, Selangor merekodkan angka tertinggi pada

1,203 kes dengan sebahagian besarnya melibatkan Kluster Teratai iaitu 1,067 kes.

“(Perkembangan terbaharu) Ini menjadikan jumlah kes positif di Malaysia sebanyak 56,659 kes dengan jumlah kes aktif 13,842 kes.

“Daripada jumlah kes baharu berkenaan, terdapat dua kes import yang mendapat jangkitan dari luar negara dan 1,882 kes merupakan penularan dalam negara,” katanya di sini semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, bilangan kes sembuh pula sebanyak 883 kes, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif pesakit sembuh sepenuhnya ialah 42,480 kes



DR NOOR HISHAM

atau 75 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Beliau turut melaporkan dua kematian baharu menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan yang maut akibat Covid-19 kini 337 kes.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, pada masa ini terdapat 115 kes positif yang sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dengan 48 pesakit memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Beliau berkata, selain Selangor, negeri lain yang turut mencatat jumlah kes yang tinggi ialah Sabah yang merekodkan 289 kes diikuti Kuala Lumpur sebanyak 196 kes. - Bernama

## Mangsa banjir akan disaring

**PUTRAJAYA** - Mangsa banjir yang ditempatkan di Pusat Penempatan Sementara (PPS) disaring oleh Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) sebagai langkah berjaga-jaga membendung jangkitan Covid-19.

Bagaimanapun Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, bukan semua mangsa banjir akan disaring.

“Hanya individu yang mempunyai gejala akan disaring KKM,” katanya di sini semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata demikian mengulas mengenai keperluan untuk melakukan

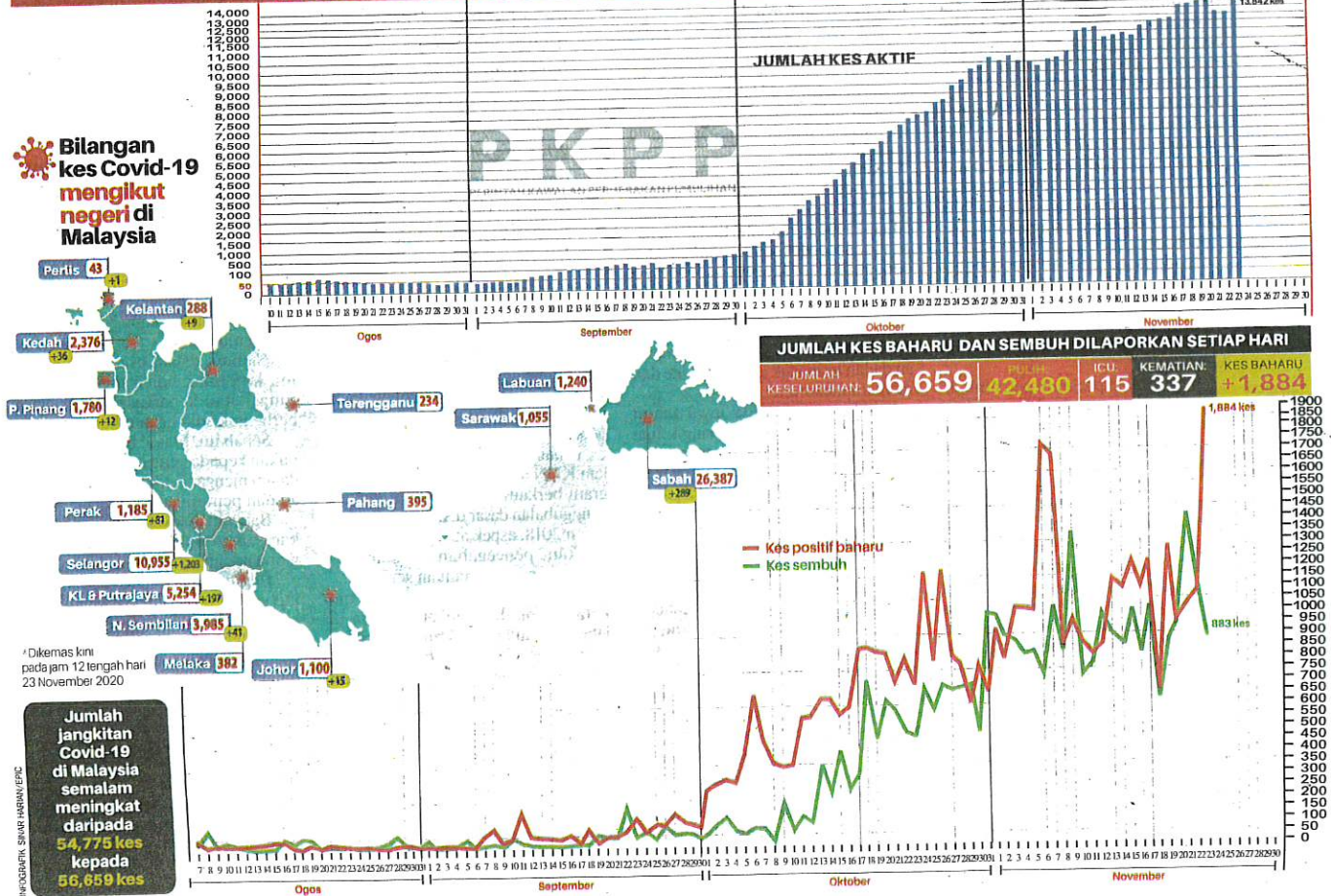
saringan di PPS bagi membendung jangkitan Covid-19.

Menurutnya, KKM telah membangunkan panduan pencegahan pengurusan Covid-19 di PPS yang perlu dipatuhi oleh semua.

“Contohnya kubikel antara satu sama lain hendaklah dengan jarak dua meter, pastikan ada tempat cuci tangan dan pemakaian pelitup muka, patuh kepada prosedur operasi standard (SOP) serta sebagainya,” katanya.

Beliau berkata, panduan tersebut telah dimaklumkan kepada pejabat kesihatan negeri untuk tindakan.

### SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM



AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA  
 MUKA SURAT : 3  
 RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

## Selangor lonjak 4 angka

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Selangor mencatatkan kes baharu positif Covid-19 tertinggi dua hari berturut-turut dengan mencatatkan 1,203 kes.

Peningkatan di Selangor berpunca pertambahan kes Kluster Teratai, sebanyak 1,067 kes dan Kluster Damanlela sebanyak 101 kes manakala Sabah pula masih melaporkan jumlah kes yang agak tinggi.

Sabah merekodkan sebanyak 289 kes dan dari jumlah tersebut, 164 kes adalah hasil saringan kontak rapat.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Ab-



**DR. NOOR HISHAM ABDULLAH**

dullah berkata, jumlah kes di kedua-dua negeri tersebut meningkatkan keseluruhan kes positif baharu iaitu 1,884 kes

sekali gus menjadikan jumlah kumulatif sebanyak 56,659 kes.

Menurut beliau, terdapat 115 kes positif yang sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) di mana 48 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan dan dua kematian.

"Mengenai Kluster Teratai di Selangor dan Kuala Lumpur yang telah menunjukkan peningkatan kes mendadak iaitu sehingga hari ini (semalam), terdapat 2,524 kes positif dari 5,767 kes.

"Kes dalam kluster ini terdiri daripada 164 warganegara dan 2,360 bukan warganegara yang berumur di antara dua hingga 68 tahun di mana kebanyakan kes merupakan pekerja-pekerja kilang di kawasan Meru, Klang,"

katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Mengenai empat kluster baharu, Dr. Noor Hisham berkata, ia membabitkan Kluster Bintang membabitkan pekerja di sebuah tapak pembinaan di Lembah Pantai, Kuala Lumpur dengan 95 kes positif iaitu 94 kes bukan warganegara dan satu warganegara.

"Kluster Indah Mas di Titiwangsa dan Kepong, Kuala Lumpur membabitkan 10 kes manakala Kluster Teja Kasih di Kampar dan Kinta, Perak, iaitu 41 kes.

"Bagi Kluster Kobena di Johor Bahru, ia membabitkan kes Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) iaitu 13 kes positif," katanya.

## 28 kilang Top Glove diarah tutup berperingkat

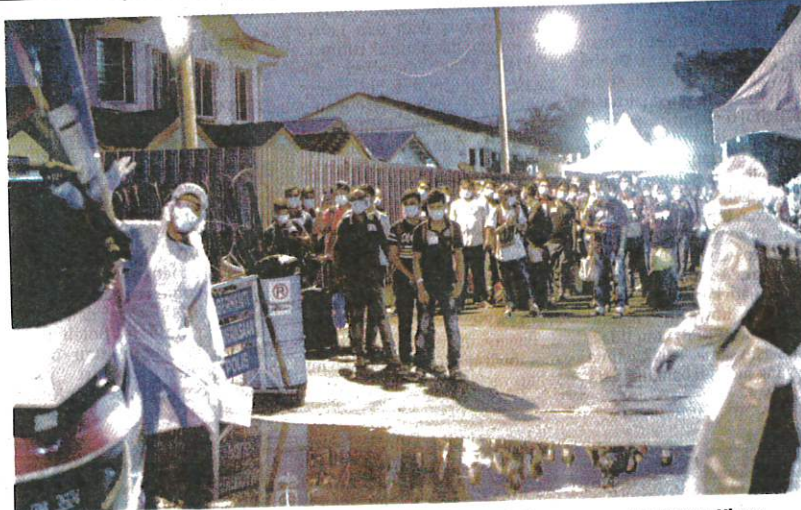
**PUTRAJAYA:** Sebanyak 28 kilang sarung tangan Top Glove di Klang, Selangor diarahkan tutup secara berperingkat bagi membolehkan para pekerja menjalani ujian saringan Covid-19 dan melaksanakan proses kuarantin.

Pelaksanaan itu akan diselenggarakan Jawatankuasa Kerja Keselamatan Negeri Selangor dengan kerjasama pengurusan Top Glove berikutan berlaku peningkatan ketara kes positif dalam kalangan pekerja kilang tersebut.

Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, Kementerian Kesihatan melaksanakan sebanyak 5,794 saringan dan mendapati 1,889 kes positif direkodkan sehingga semalam.

"Kerajaan sebelum ini mengumumkan pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan Secara Pentadbiran (Temco) di asrama pekerja lelaki dan asrama pekerja wanita syarikat itu bermula 17 November lalu.

"Namun Kementerian Kesihatan memaklumkan berlaku peningkatan ketara kes positif dan atas nasihat dan penilaian risiko Kementerian, Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) berseutu untuk menutup kilang itu secara berperingkat," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di sini se-



**PETUGAS KKM membawa keluar seramai 300 pekerja Top Glove dari asrama mereka di Meru, Klang menaiki bas ke Hospital Sungai Buloh dan Hospital Kuala Lumpur, semalam. - UTUSAN/ZULFADHLI ZAKI**

malam.

Ismail Sabri berkata, perintah Temco akan dilaksanakan di Penjara Seremban, Negeri Sembilan dan kuarters penjara itu selama 14 hari bermula esok (24 November) sehingga 7 Disember ini.

Menurut beliau, sebanyak 246 ujian saringan Covid-19

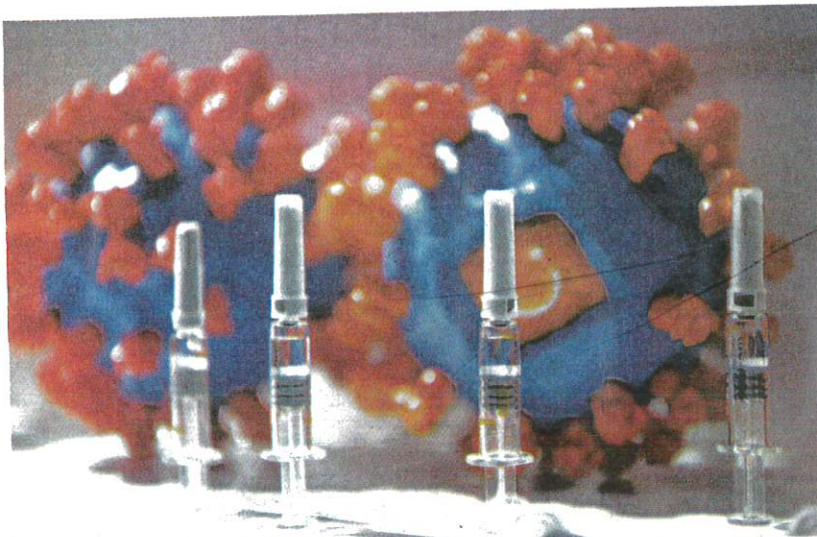
bersasar dilaksanakan dan sebanyak 25 kes positif direkodkan di penjara itu.

Katanya, perintah Temco itu meliputi keseluruhan kawasan penjara termasuk blok penjara, bangunan pentadbiran serta kuarters pegawai dan kakitangan yang melibatkan 2,080 orang penghuni.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) di Kuching Sarawak dilanjutkan sehingga 27 November ini memandangkan 1,055 kes kumulatif positif direkodkan dan daripada jumlah itu, masih terdapat baki 58 kes aktif melibatkan beberapa kluster di daerah ini.

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA  
 MUKA SURAT : 34  
 RUANGAN : EKONOMI

## Kanger dapat 'lampu hijau' beli vaksin Covid-19



” PENYERTAAN syarikat swasta dalam mendapatkan vaksin, membolehkan usaha mengengkang penularan wabak Covid-19 dalam negara dapat dilakukan dengan lebih efektif dan menyeluruh. - GAMBAR HIASAN

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Kanger International Berhad telah menerima sokongan daripada Kementerian Tenaga, Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI) untuk membeli vaksin covid-19 kegunaan sektor swasta di Malaysia.

Dalam satu kenyataan, syarikat tersebut menyatakan agensi National Institutes of Biotechnology Malaysia (NIBM) menyatakan 'tiada bantahan' kepada Kanger berhubung dengan China National Pharmaceutical Group Corp (Sinopharm) bagi memperoleh vaksin.

Pengarah Eksekutif Kanger, Steven Kuah berkata, ia adalah satu kepentingan untuk kedua sektor awam dan swasta bekerjasama dalam mendapatkan vaksin Covid-19.

“Baru-baru ini kerajaan Malaysia dan China telah menandatangani persetujuan untuk bekerjasama dalam memerangi virus tersebut termasuklah ber-satu dalam penyelidikan dan pembangunan vaksin dan pembe-  
 kalan.

“Kami berbesar hati menerima sokongan daripada MOSTI dan NIBM bagi memastikan seluruh rakyat Malaysia mempunyai akses kepada vaksin itu kelak,” katanya dalam kenyataan tersebut.

Syarikat Kanger menjelaskan, matlamatnya ialah untuk membantu pengedaran vaksin Covid-19 lantas menandatangani perjanjian bersama Sinopharm Group Hunan Changde Medica Co Ltd.

Sinopharm merupakan sebuah perusahaan milik negara yang terbesar dan syarikat bioteknologi tertua di China.

Perusahaan itu telah berjaya menghasilkan dua vaksin Covid-19 yang kini sudah berada di tahap terakhir pengujian sebelum diluluskan untuk kegunaan umum di lebih 10 negara.

Hampir satu juta orang di seluruh dunia telah menerima vaksin Covid-19 daripada syarikat itu untuk kegunaan kece-  
 masan.