

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

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Nasional

Penularan COVID-19

Sabah, Lembah Klang catat 874 kes

Semua jangkitan babit penularan tempatan, Selangor rekod 225 kes

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Putrajaya: Sejumlah 957 kes baharu COVID-19 dilaporkan semalam, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif 32,505 kes dengan jumlah kes aktif dan kebolehhajatan sebanyak 10,036 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata semua kes baharu yang dilaporkan semalam adalah penularan tempatan dan Sabah masih mencatat jumlah kes harian tertinggi dengan 644 kes atau 67.3 peratus daripada keseluruhan kes.

Selain Sabah, negeri di Lembah Klang mencatat 230 kes atau 24 peratus daripada keseluruhan kes.

"Sabah dan Lembah Klang mencatat 874 kes bersamaan 91.3 peratus daripada jumlah harian kes positif COVID-19.

"Ia berikutan lebih banyak pengesanan kes di negeri berkenaan



Ia berikutan lebih banyak pengesanan kes di negeri berkenaan susulan aktiviti di lapangan yang giat dijalankan termasuk pengesanan kontak rapat dan saringan.

Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah,
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan

susulan aktiviti di lapangan yang giat dijalankan termasuk pengesanan kontak rapat dan saringan di kawasan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) di Plaza Hentian, Kajang yang mencatat 91 kes baharu hari ini (semalam).

"Sebanyak 80 kes atau 8.36 peratus disumbang oleh kluster dalam penjara atau berkaitan pusat tahanan sementara.

"Antaranya Pusat Tahanan Sementara Tawau 54 kes, Kluster Penjara Seberang Perai 14, Kluster Penjara Kepayan enam dan masing-masing tiga kes dalam Kluster Benteng Lahad Datu serta

Kluster Rumah Merah," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini, semalam.

Memperincikan pertambahan kes mengikut negeri, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Selangor merekodkan 225 kes baharu semalam.

Ia diikuti Pulau Pinang, iaitu 23 kes, Labuan (18), Terengganu (15), Sarawak (11), Negeri Sembilan (lapan), Perak (lima), Kuala Lumpur (empat) dan masing-masing satu kes di Kedah, Melaka, Johor serta Putrajaya.

Setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam, katanya, sebanyak 972 kes sembuh dilaporkan atau 68.4 peratus daripada keseluruhan kes.



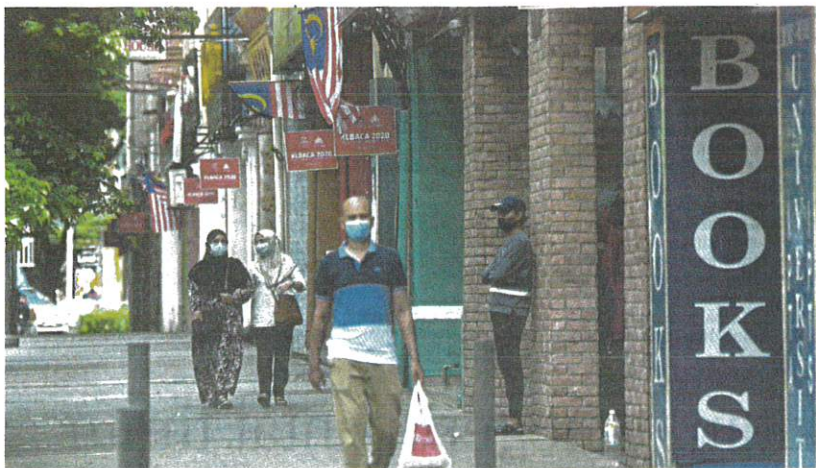
Petugas Angkatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia (APM) lengkap memakai set perlindungan diri membuat pemeriksaan di kawasan Plaza Hentian Kajang yang dilaksanakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) pada hari kelima, semalam.
(Foto Aizuddin Saad/BH)

Sabah kekal mencatat kes sembul harian tertinggi iaitu 658 kes diikuti Selangor (112), Negeri Sembilan (91), Kedah (41), Labuan (27), Pulau Pinang (24), Perak (10), Melaka (lima), Terengganu (dua) dan masing-masing satu kes di

Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya serta Pahang.

Beliau memaklumkan, tiada pertambahan kes kematian dicatatkan semalam dan jumlahnya kekal 249 kes atau 0.8 peratus daripada keseluruhan kes.

Dua kluster baharu di Selangor, Pulau Pinang



Orang ramai berjalan di hadapan premis Jalan Tuanku Abdul-Rahman yang kelihatan lengang susulan pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB), semalam.
(Foto BERNAMA)

Putrajaya: Dua kluster baharu dilaporkan semalam, membabitkan Selangor dan Pulau Pinang selepas saringan individu bergejala serta dalam kalangan pesakit jangkitan Pernafasan Akut Teruk (SARI).

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata kluster pertama dikesan di daerah Klang dan Petaling di Selangor yang dikenali sebagai Kluster Usaha.

"Kes indeks bagi kluster ini (kes ke-30,697) dikenal pasti positif COVID-19 hasil saringan individu bergejala pada 30 Oktober lalu sebelum dimasukkan ke Hospital Sungai Buloh untuk rawatan lanjut.

"Sehingga jam 12 tengah hari ini (semalam), seramai 25 individu sudah disaring dan kita mengesan 17 individu positif COVID-19, lima individu negatif dan tiga lagi masih menunggu keputusan," katanya dalam kenyataan

di sini, semalam.

Beliau berkata, kluster kedua dikenali sebagai Kluster Tembaga yang dikesan di daerah Timur Laut dan Barat Daya di Pulau Pinang.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, kes indeks bagi kluster itu (kes ke-29,359) dikenal pasti positif COVID-19 hasil saringan SARI pada 28 Oktober lalu dan saringan sudah dijalankan ke atas 69 individu.

"Daripada jumlah itu, tujuh individu dikesan positif COVID-19, manakala 13 individu negatif dan 49 lagi masih menunggu keputusan," katanya.

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 35 kluster termasuk dua kluster baharu itu mencatat pertambahan kes positif COVID-19 semalam.

Katanya, kluster yang mencatat pertambahan kes tertinggi ialah Kluster Hentian, iaitu 90 kes diikuti Kluster Bah Manggis dengan 33 kes baharu.

Terkini COVID-19

972

pulih, dibenarkan keluar hospital, semalam

957

kes baharu disahkan, semalam

249

jumlah kematian dicatat

32,505

jumlah kes disahkan positif

10,036

kes yang masih dirawat

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Hospital Sungai Buloh terima anugerah

Kuala Lumpur: Pasukan COVID-19 Hospital Sungai Buloh mendapat pengiktirafan dengan menerima Anugerah Kesihatan Global (GHA) 2020 baru-baru ini berikutan usaha mereka memerangi pandemik itu.

Ketua Jabatan Penyakit Berjangkit hospital itu, Dr C Suresh Kumar serta Ketua Jabatan Anestesia dan Rawatan Rapi, Dr Shaiful Azman Zakaria, menerima anugerah itu sebagai pejuang COVID-19.

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"Setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Dr Suresh Kumar dan Dr Shaiful Azman serta seluruh pasukan COVID-19 di Hospital Sungai Buloh atas pengiktirafan di Global Health Awards 2020.

"Pencapaian yang sangat membanggakan. Negara mengucapkan terima kasih atas dedikasi, pengorbanan dan kecemerlangan yang ditunjukkan dalam usaha kita bersama-sama memerangi COVID-19," katanya.

Menurut laman sesawang GHA, anugerah Asia Pasifik serantau itu bertujuan mengiktiraf syarikat dalam pelbagai pasaran serantau yang mengekalkan pila-

waian yang tinggi secara konsisten dalam menyampaikan penjagaan berkualiti untuk mengembirakan pelanggan mereka di setiap peringkat dan dalam setiap interaksi.

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bagai perunding penyakit berjangkit di Hospital Sungai Buloh, manakala Dr Shaiful Azman mengkhusus dalam bidang anestesiologi dan rawatan rapi sejak 1996 dan pernah bekerja di Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II di Kelantan.

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BERNAMA



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Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah,
Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan



Dr Suresh Kumar menerima Anugerah Kesihatan Global 2020.

(Foto FB Noor Hisham Abdullah)

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : COVID-19

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"Hanya disebabkan kami memakai baju misi (pakaian seragam jururawat), sesetengah pihak memandang kami seperti membawa kuman dan virus sehingga ada yang tidak membenarkan kami masuk membeli barangan di kedai runcit," kata jururawat, Nurul Izzati Liyana Mohd Azhar, 29.

Itulah antara kisah dikongsi Nurul Izzati Liyana yang 'disisih' masyarakat hanya kerana pakaian seragam jururawat (uniform) dipakainya didakwa membawa kuman.

Nurul Izzati Liyana memuat naik perkongsian itu di

'Uniform kami tak bawa kumanlah!'

Jururawat akui rasa seperti 'disisih' apabila dapat layanan negatif dari kalangan masyarakat

status WhatsApp lalu dikongsi adiknya, Mohd Suhaim Mohd Azhar, 24, di Twitter sehingga mengundang pelbagai reaksi warganet.

Antara kisah lain yang dikongsikan termasuk ada pihak tidak mahu menaiki lif sama serta memarahi petugas kesihatan ketika mengisi minyak.

Menurutnya, semua petugas kesihatan sentiasa mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang ditetapkan sebelum dan selepas bertugas.

"Jangan risau kami semua tidak menggunakan uniform (seragam) sama ketika menguruskan pesakit Covid-19.

"Uniform itu hanya dipakai ketika mengimbas kad perakam waktu sebelum bertugas dan kami memakai baju yang lain serta pakaian perlindungan diri (PPE) sepanjang bertugas.

"Uniform hanya dipakai semula selepas tamat tempoh bekerja dan kami mandi terlebih dahulu sebelum menarungnya dan pulang ke rumah.

"Malah, sejourus sampai di rumah kami akan mandi sekali lagi dan baju itu akan terus dicuci bagi mengelak sebarang kuman atau virus menjangkiti individu di rumah," katanya kepada Harian Metro di sini, semalam.

Nurul Izzati Liyana berkata, terdapat SOP khusus penjagaan pesakit Covid-19 di hospital bagi mencegah penularan wabak itu kepada masyarakat umum.

"Tidak salah untuk bersikap paranoid demi menjaga kesihatan diri namun biarlah tindakan itu diikuti dengan pengetahuan yang betul.

"Saya juga ada keluarga di rumah dan kerana itu saya sentiasa mengambil langkah berjaga-jaga agar tidak berlaku apa-apa yang tidak diinginkan kepada mereka," katanya.

Wanita yang bertugas di Hospital Tunku Azizah Kuala

Lumpur itu berkata, dia pernah memakai PPE daripada plastik sampah pada peringkat awal pandemik ini dan berharap masyarakat tidak melayaninya seperti 'membawa virus'.

"Tujuh jam memakai PPE lengkap sudah terasa panasnya, apatah lagi memakai PPE yang diperbuat daripada plastik sampah.

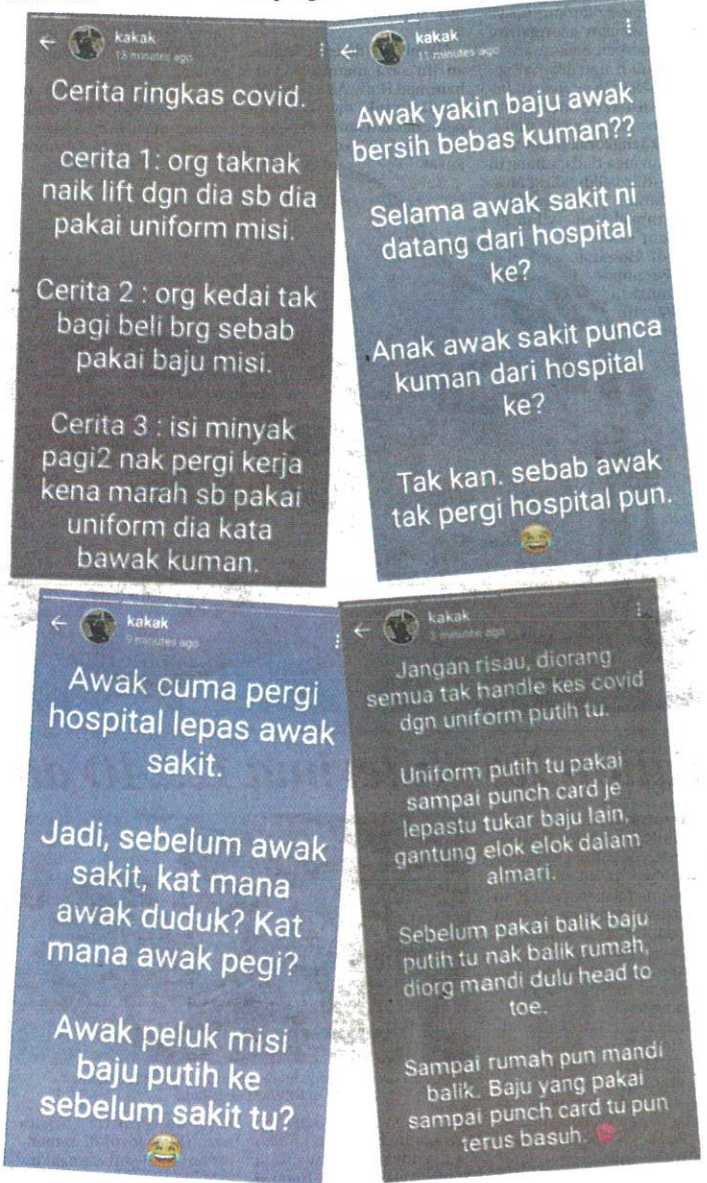
"Banyak yang dikorbankan petugas kesihatan ketika

pandemik ini, bukan saja berpanas, malah ada yang tidak berjumpa keluarga lebih dua bulan bagi memastikan orang lain selamat," katanya.

Menurutnya, masyarakat seharusnya tetap mematuhi SOP yang ditetapkan kerajaan dan sama-sama bertanggungjawab menangani Covid-19.

"Tidak seperti dulu, masyarakat kini semakin tenang dan bersikap mudah mengenai sesuatu perkara.

"Peningkatan kes Covid-19 sepatutnya membuka mata masyarakat supaya lebih berjaga-jaga," katanya yang mempunyai lapan tahun pengalaman dalam bidang jururawatan.



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Nurul Izzati

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : COVID-19

Catat 957 kes positif

Semua kes baharu jangkitan dalam negara, 644 kes di Sabah

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Kes baharu positif Covid-19 di dalam negara melonjak kepada 957 kes semalam berbanding 659 kelmarin menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan wabak itu 32,505 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, ia menjadikan jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 adalah 10,036 kes.



Ada 97 kes positif Covid-19 dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dengan 27 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan”

Dr Noor Hisham

Menurutnya, semua kes baharu hanya membabitkan jangkitan dalam negara, dengan 644 kes dilaporkan di Sabah.

“Ia membabitkan kes dari kluster sedia ada, saringan

kontak rapat dan saringan lain manakala 225 kes dilaporkan di Selangor, Pulau Pinang (23), Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (18), Terengganu (15), Sarawak (11), Negeri Sembilan (8), Perak (5), Kuala Lumpur (4) dan masing-masing satu kes di Kedah, Melaka, Johor serta Putrajaya.

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kenyataan di sini, semalam.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, ada 97 kes positif Covid-19 dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dengan 27 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Katanya, tiada kes kematian dilaporkan semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kematian kekal sebanyak 249 kes atau 0.8 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Beliau berkata, 972 kes pulih menjadikan jumlah kumulatifnya adalah 22,220 kes atau 68.4 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

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Pasukan koronavirus, Hospital Sungai Buloh dapat Anugerah Kesihatan Global (GHA) 2020



DR Suresh

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DR Shaiful Azman

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AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 10

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19



MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

957 kes penularan dalam negara

Dua kluster baharu dikesan iaitu Kluster Usaha di Selangor dan Kluster Tembaga di Pulau Pinang

KUALA LUMPUR

Kes positif baharu Covid-19 semalam kembali meningkat kepada 957 kes berbanding 659 kelmarin dengan kesemuanya melibatkan penularan dalam negara.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdulh berkata, bagaimanapun, jumlah kes pulih sepenuhnya mencatatkan jumlah yang tinggi iaitu sebanyak 972 kes menjadikan kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya

sehingga kini sebanyak 22,220 kes atau 68.4 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes sebanyak 32,505 kes.

"Sebanyak 97 kes positif Covid-19 sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi dengan 27 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan dan tiada kematian direkodkan hari ini (semalam)," katanya dalam satu kenyataan mengenai perkembangan Covid-19 di sini semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, kes-kes baharu semalam melibatkan kes-kes di Sabah sebanyak 644, Selangor (225), Pulau Pinang (23), Labuan (18), Terengganu (15), Sarawak (11), Negeri Sembilan (8), Perak (5) dan Kuala Lumpur (4).

Selain itu, Kedah, Melaka,



DR NOOR HISHAM

Johor dan Putrajaya masing-masing mencatatkan satu kes.

"Jumlah kes tinggi di Sabah dan Lembah Klang yang menyumbang kepada 874 kes berikutan lebih banyak pengesanan dibuat di lapangan termasuk pengesanan kontak

rapat dan saringan di kawasan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) di Plaza Hentian, Kajang yang mana 91 kes baharu dilapor hari ini (semalam).

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Dr Noor Hisham berkata, dua kluster baharu turut dikesan iaitu Kluster Usaha melibatkan daerah Klang dan Petaling di Selangor serta Kluster Tembaga yang melibatkan daerah Timur Laut dan Barat Daya Pulau Pinang

Bagi Kluster Usaha, dari 25 individu yang disaring sehingga semalam termasuk kes indeks ke 30,697 yang dikenal pasti positif Covid-19 Jumaat lepas, sebanyak 16 lagi disahkan positif, lima negatif dan tiga lagi masih menunggu keputusan.

Bagi Kluster Tembaga, dari kes indeks ke 29,359 yang dikenal pasti positif Rabu lepas, saringan ke atas kontak rapatnya telah mengesan enam lagi kes positif Covid-19 dan kesemua mereka telah dimasukkan ke Hospital Pulau Pinang.

SITUASI TERKINI

COVID-19: KLUSTER BAHARU

KLUSTER USAHA (17 positif)
Kluster ini melibatkan daerah Klang dan Petaling di negeri Selangor.
Dua kluster baharu dikesan iaitu Kluster Usaha melibatkan daerah Klang dan Petaling di Selangor serta Kluster Tembaga yang melibatkan daerah Timur Laut dan Barat Daya Pulau Pinang.

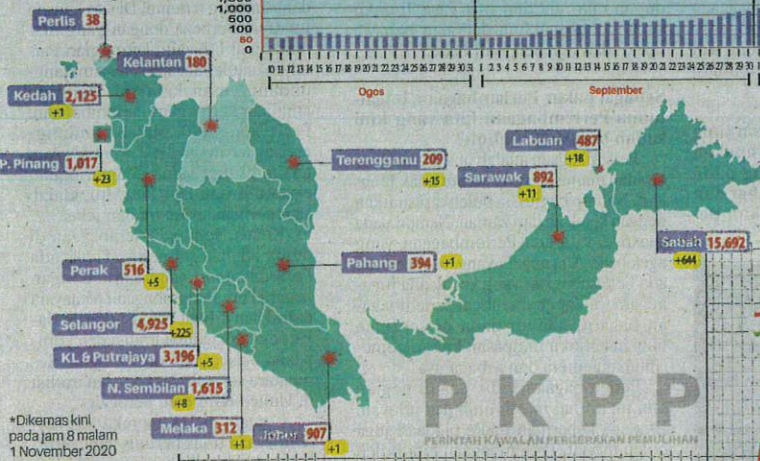
KLUSTER TEMBAGA (7 positif)
Kluster ini melibatkan daerah Timur Laut dan Barat Daya di negeri Pulau Pinang.
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Mengulas lanjut, beliau berkata, sehingga jam 12 tengah hari semalam di bawah kluster berkenaan sejumlah 69 individu telah disaring yang menyaksikan tujuh kes dikesan positif, 13 negatif dan 49 lagi masih menunggu keputusan. - Bernama

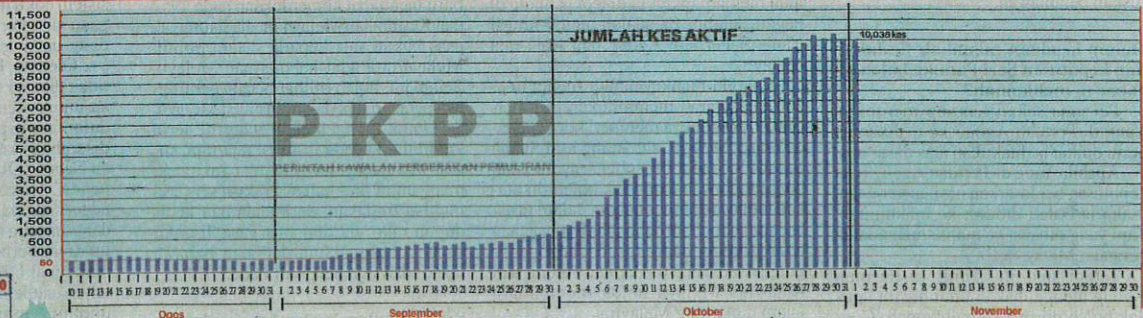
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Bilangan kes Covid-19 mengikut negeri di Malaysia

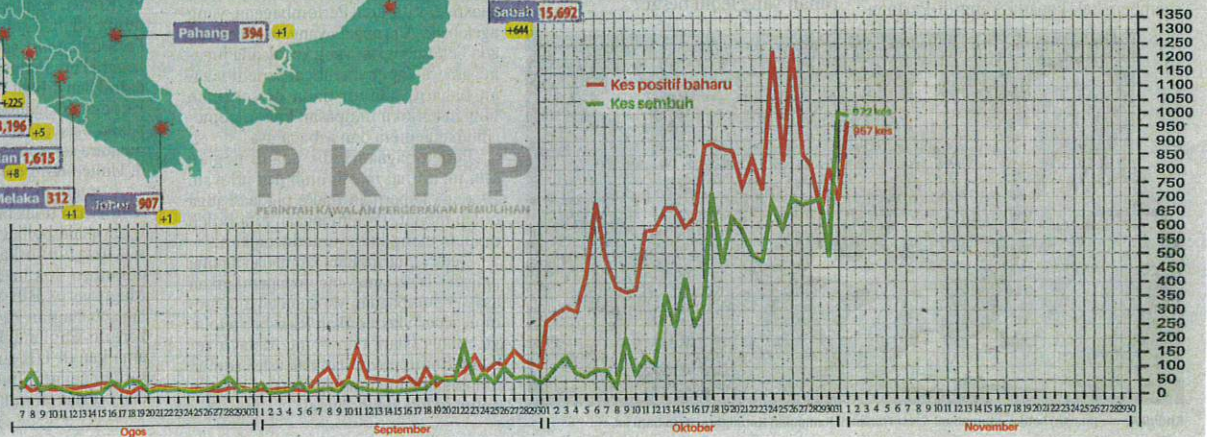


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Jumlah jangkitan Covid-19 di Malaysia semalam meningkat daripada 31,548 kes kepada 32,505 kes




JUMLAH KES BAHARU DAN SEMBUH DILAPORKAN SETIAP HARI				
JUMLAH KESELURUHAN:	32,505	PULIH: 22,220	ICU: 97	KEMATIAN: 249
				KES BAHARU: +957



AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 11

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19



Pasukan Hospital Sungai Buloh terima Anugerah Kesihatan Global 2020

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Dr Suresh Kumar menerima anugerah sempena Anugerah Kesihatan Global 2020 baru-baru ini.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 28

RUANGAN : NEGERI

3,768 kes, enam kematian akibat denggi di Kelantan

KOTA BHARU - Sebanyak 3,768 jumlah kumulatif kes denggi dengan enam kes kematian akibat penyakit itu dicatatkan di Kelantan dalam tempoh Januari hingga kini.

Pengarah Kesihatan Negeri Kelantan, Datuk Dr Zaini Hussin berkata, ini sekali gus menunjukkan penurunan sebanyak 26.68 peratus berbanding 5,139 kes dengan enam kematian bagi tempoh sama pada tahun lepas.

"Di samping itu, sejumlah 356 episod wabak denggi telah dilaporkan di Kelantan berbanding 396 episod wabak denggi dalam tempoh sama pada 2019. Pada masa ini, sebanyak lima lokaliti wabak denggi yang aktif di seluruh negeri ini," katanya menerusi satu kenyataan semalam.

Jelasnya, pada minggu lepas hingga kelmarin, sebanyak 17 kes denggi dilaporkan berbanding minggu sebelumnya iaitu 21 kes.

"Daerah Kota Bharu menunjukkan peningkatan kes berbanding minggu sebelumnya iaitu 15 kes pada minggu lepas ber-

banding 14 kes minggu sebelumnya iaitu peningkatan satu kes," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Zaini berkata, melalui hasil pemeriksaan Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Kelantan (JKNK) mendapati sebanyak 14,670 daripada 338,136 premis dan kediaman penduduk mempunyai tempat pembiakan jentik-jentik atau aedes.

"JKNK juga telah mengeluarkan sebanyak 2,492 kompaun yang dicadang dengan nilai RM1,246,000," katanya yang turut memaklumkan sebanyak 797 notis dikeluarkan bagi arahan kerja pembersihan dan pemusnahan tempat berpotensi menjadi pembiakan aedes.

Selain itu, Dr Zaini berkata, peningkatan kes denggi dijangka berterusan sekiranya masyarakat masih tidak peduli untuk memastikan persekitaran rumah masing-masing bebas daripada tempat pembiakan nyamuk aedes.

"JKNK menyeru masyarakat agar segera membuat pemeriksaan di rumah kediaman," katanya. - *Bernama*

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

Kes positif catat peningkatan

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PUTRAJAYA: Kes positif Covid-19 naik semula hampir 300 kes berbanding kelmarin dengan mencatatkan 957 kes baharu selain pertambahan dua kluster baharu.

Bagaimanapun, jumlah kes pulih pula hampir menyamai kes positif baharu iaitu sebanyak 972 kes selain tiada kematian direkodkan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, ini menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes positif di negara ini adalah sebanyak 32,505 kes manakala jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehhajangan pula adalah 10,036 kes.

Katanya, Sabah masih mencatatkan kes tertinggi iaitu 644 kes manakala negeri-negeri di Lembah Klang pula mencatatkan 230 kes sekali gus keempat-empat negeri itu menyumbang hampir keseluruhan kes iaitu sebanyak 874 kes (91.3 peratus).

"Lebih banyak pengesanan kes di negeri-negeri tersebut susulan aktiviti di lapangan yang giat dijalankan termasuk pengesanan kontak rapat.

"Ini termasuk saringan di kawasan Perintah Kawalan Per-



ANGGOTA polis dan tentera berkawal di Taman Semarak, Tawau Sabah, semalam yang diletakkan di bawah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan Secara Pentadbiran (Temco). - UTUSAN/FAUZAN AZIMA

gerakan Diperketatkan Secara Pentadbiran (Temco) di Plaza Hentian, Kajang yang mana melaporkan 91 kes baharu pada hari ini (semalam)," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini semalam.

Dr. Noor Hisham berkata, dua kluster baharu yang dicatatkan ialah Kluster Usaha melibatkan daerah Klang dan Petaling, Selangor (17 kes) dan Kluster Tembaga di daerah Timur Laut dan Barat Daya, Pulau Pinang (tujuh kes).

Katanya, 80 kes yang direkodkan berkaitan pusat tahanan sementara dan kluster-kluster penjara seperti di Pusat Tahanan Sementara Tawau (54 kes), Kluster Penjara Seberang Perai (14), Kluster Penjara KePAYAN (enam), Kluster Benteng LD (tiga) dan Kluster Rumah Merah (tiga).

Menurut Dr. Noor Hisham, perkembangan kes positif di negeri-negeri lain pula ialah Selangor (225 kes), Pulau Pinang

(23), Labuan (18), Terengganu (15), Sarawak (11) dan Negeri Sembilan (lapan).

"Di Perak pula mencatatkan lima kes, Kuala Lumpur (empat kes) manakala masing-masing satu kes di Kedah, Melaka, Johor dan Putrajaya.

"Sehingga kini, terdapat 97 kes positif Covid-19 yang sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU), yang mana 27 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEGARA

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972 kes sembuh mengatasi kes penularan harian 957 kes

Hari kedua tanpa kematian

Oleh SITI A'ISYAH SUKAIMI

PUTRAJAYA – Negara mencatatkan kes Covid-19 tanpa kematian untuk dua hari berturut-turut sekali gus jumlah keseluruhan kekal dengan 249 kes selain merekodkan angka pulih 972 kes iaitu melebihi penularan baharu semalam.

Sebanyak 35 kluster aktif mencatatkan pertambahan kes semalam menjadi antara penyumbang kepada bilangan kes harian negara dengan 957 kes baharu direkodkan dan kesemuanya penularan tempatan.

Pada masa sama, bilangan kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya daripada wabak tersebut adalah 22,220 kes.

Angka 972 kes sembuh harian adalah merupakan jumlah kedua tertinggi pesakit Covid-19 sejak pandemik ini melanda negara.

Daripada jumlah kluster aktif semalam, dua daripadanya kluster baharu iaitu Kluster Usaha di daerah Klang dan Petaling, Selangor serta Kluster Tembaga di daerah Timur Laut dan Barat Daya, Pulau Pinang.

Selain itu, kes kematian berkaitan Covid-19 tidak dilaporkan semalam dan jumlah itu kekal 249 kes atau 0.8 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, Sabah mencatatkan sebanyak 644 kes atau 67.3 peratus, manakala negeri-negeri di



PASUKAN keselamatan berkawal di Taman Semarak, Tawau semalam yang dikenakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD). – FAUZAN AZIMA

Lembah Klang pula mencatatkan 230 kes atau 24 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Menurutnya, keempat-empat negeri ini telah menyumbang hampir keseluruhan kes iaitu sebanyak 874 kes atau 91.3 peratus daripada jumlah harian kes positif Covid-19.

"Ini berikutan lebih banyak pengesanan kes susulan aktiviti di lapangan yang giat dijalankan

termasuk pengesanan kontak rapat dan saringan di kawasan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) di Plaza Hentian, Kajang yang melaporkan 91 kes baharu hari ini (semalam).

"Sebanyak 80 kes pula atau 8.36 peratus berkaitan pusat tahanan sementara dan kluster-kluster penjara iaitu Pusat Tahanan Sementara Tawau (54 kes),

Kluster Penjara Seberang Perai (14 kes), Kluster Penjara Kepayan (enam kes), Kluster Benteng LD dan Kluster Rumah Merah masing-masing tiga kes," katanya dalam satu kenyataan akhbar di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Noor Hisham berkata, Kluster Usaha yang dilaporkan semalam membabitkan kes indeks seorang lelaki berusia 29 tahun dikenal pasti hasil sa-



Angka Terkini Kes Covid-19 Di Malaysia sehingga semalam

	Jumlah
• Kes baharu	957
Import: 0 Tempatan: 957	
• Pulih	972
• Kematian	0
• Masih dirawat	10,036
• Jumlah kes sembuh	22,220
• Jumlah Kematian	249
Jumlah kes keseluruhan	32,505

ringan individu bergejala pada 30 Oktober.

"Saringan kontak rapat terhadap 25 individu telah mengesan sebanyak 16 lagi kes positif melibatkan 13 warga Malaysia serta tiga warga asing dan kesemua kes dimasukkan ke Hospital Sungai Buloh, manakala tiga individu masih menunggu keputusan," katanya.

Bagi Kluster Tembaga, beliau berkata, ia melibatkan kes indeks wanita berusia 81 tahun yang positif hasil saringan jangkitan pernafasan akut teruk (SARI) pada 28 Oktober dan susulan itu, enam lagi dikenal pasti positif selepas saringan terhadap 69 individu.

"Kesemua kes telah dimasukkan ke Hospital Pulau Pinang, manakala 49 individu lagi masih menunggu keputusan," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, Noor Hisham berkata, terdapat 97 kes sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi dengan 27 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

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 MUKA SURAT : 5
 RUANGAN : NEGARA

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Dua petugas Hospital Sungai Buloh terima pengiktirafan global **Agong zahir ucapan tahniah**



AL-SULTAN ABDULLAH

PETALING JAYA – Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah menzahirkan ucapan tahniah kepada dua petugas Hospital Sungai Buloh atas pengiktirafan Anugerah Kesihatan Global (GHA) 2020 baru-baru ini.

Ketua Jabatan Penyakit Berjangkit, Dr. C. Suresh Kumar serta Ketua Jabatan Anestesia dan Rawatan Rapi, Dr. Shaiful Azman Zakaria masing-masing menerima pengiktirafan global itu.

Istana Negara dalam satu kenyataan berkata, Seri Paduka menzahirkan rasa suka cita dan bangga atas pengiktirafan tersebut sekali gus turut mengharum-

kan nama negara di persada antarabangsa.

"Al-Sultan Abdullah amat menghargai dedikasi dan pengorbanan yang dicurahkan oleh mereka dan pasukan Covid-19 di Hospital Sungai Buloh dalam usaha memerangi Covid-19.

"Seri Paduka turut menyanjung tinggi kecemerlangan yang ditunjukkan oleh mereka dalam usaha merawat pesakit Covid-19 dan membanteras wabak yang boleh meragut nyawa ini," kata Istana Negara menerusi Facebook rasminya semalam.

Katanya, Dr. Suresh Kumar mempunyai pengalaman lebih 15 tahun sebagai perunding pe-

nyakit berjangkit di Hospital Sungai Buloh, manakala Dr. Shaiful Azman mengkhusus dalam bidang anestesiologi dan rawatan rapi sejak 1996 dan pernah bekerja di Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II di Kelantan.

Terdahulu, berita gembira itu dikongsi Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah menerusi ciapan di laman sosial Twitternya kelmarin.

GHA 2020 merupakan anugerah mengiktiraf syarikat dalam pelbagai pasaran serantau yang mengekalkan pialawan tinggi secara konsisten dalam memberikan penjagaan berkualiti terhadap pelanggan.

Lebih 100 banduan kini di zon pemulihan

Oleh SAFINA RAMLI

GEORGE TOWN – Lebih 100 banduan di Penjara Reman Pulau Pinang di sini yang disahkan pulih daripada virus Covid-19 kini ditempatkan di zon pemulihan di dalam penjara berkenaan.

Pengarahnya, Mohamed Jusoh Ismail berkata, mereka bagaimanapun masih belum boleh ditempatkan bersama banduan lain di dalam sel.

"Banduan yang telah disahkan pulih daripada virus Covid-19 kini melepasi angka 100.

"Mereka ditempatkan di zon pemulihan buat masa ini untuk tujuan pemantauan," katanya di sini semalam.

Sehingga kini, Kluster Penjara Reman mencatatkan 463 kes, bermula daripada salah seorang



PENJARA Reman Pulau Pinang di George Town dikenakan PKPD sehingga 11 November depan.

banduan berusia 85 tahun meninggal dunia pada 5 Oktober lalu dan disahkan positif.

Ekoran peningkatan kes aktif, Penjara Reman Pulau Pinang dan kuarters kakitangan diletakkan

di bawah Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) sejak 15 Oktober lalu dan bersambung sehingga 11 November depan.

Menurut Mohamed Jusoh, lebih 100 banduan juga kini berada di zon hijau selepas menunjukkan perkembangan yang baik ketika menerima rawatan.

"Mereka yang berada di zon hijau ini akan ditempatkan di zon pemulihan pula selepas pulih daripada virus Covid-19," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, katanya, pihak penjara juga mengalukan segala bentuk sumbangan daripada orang ramai terhadap kakitangan penjara dan ahli keluarga yang terlibat dengan PKPD.

"Apa sahaja sumbangan orang ramai kami terima dengan penuh kesyukuran," katanya.

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SECOND DAY RUNNING

MORE RECOVERIES THAN NEW CASES YESTERDAY

972 patients recovered bringing nationwide tally to 22,220

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FOR the second day running, Malaysia registered more Covid-19 recoveries than new cases.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, in a statement, said the Health Ministry yesterday saw 972 patients

recovering from the virus, bringing the tally of recoveries to 22,220 nationwide.

On Saturday, the country recorded 659 new cases with 1,000 recoveries.

However, the number of new cases saw a hike yesterday to 957, raising the cumulative tally of infections to 32,505, including 10,036 active cases.

All the new cases were local

transmissions.

Sabah once again registered the highest number of cases at 644, followed by Selangor (225), Kuala Lumpur (four) and Putrajaya (one).

"These four states, which have been placed under the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), accounted for 874 cases (91.3 per cent)," said Dr Noor Hisham.

"This is due to more on-the-field screening, including at the Plaza Hentian Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) zone in Kajang, which contributed 91

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Sungai Buloh Hospital team gets award

KUALA LUMPUR: The Covid-19 team at Sungai Buloh Hospital, Selangor, has been recognised at the Global Health Awards (GLA) 2020 recently for its unwavering efforts in fighting the pandemic.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah congratulated the head of Sungai Buloh Hospital's Infectious Disease Department, Dr Suresh Kumar, and Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Department head Dr Shaiful Azman Zakaria, as well as the whole Covid-19 team at the hospital for the achievement.

"Heartiest congratulations to Dr Suresh Kumar and Dr Shaiful Azman and the whole Covid-19 team at Sungai Buloh Hospital for the recognition at the Global Health Awards 2020. Very well-deserved indeed!

"The nation thanks you and your team for unwavering ded-



Dr Suresh Kumar (left) and Dr Shaiful Azman Zakaria



ication, sacrifice and excellence in our efforts to fight Covid-19," he said on his social media accounts yesterday.

According to the Global Health Awards website, the regional Asia-Pacific awards aim to recognise companies in a variety of regional and global markets that

have consistently maintained high standards in delivering quality care and pushed the boundaries of delighting their customers at every stage and in every interaction.

Sungai Buloh Hospital was designated as Malaysia's main Covid-19 hospital in March.



People getting their temperature checked before entering the Taman Seri Gombak market in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

new cases."

He said 80 cases or 8.36 per cent came from prison clusters or those related to detention centres, including the Tawau detention centre (54 cases), Seberang Perai Prison cluster (14), Kepayan Prison cluster (six) and three each from the Benteng Lahad Datu and Rumah Merah clusters.

Penang recorded 23 new cases followed by Labuan (18), Terengganu (15), Sarawak (11), Negri Sembilan (eight) and Perak (five). Kedah, Melaka and Johor recorded one case each.

A total of 97 cases are at the Intensive Care Unit, with 27 requiring breathing assistance.

No deaths were recorded, with the death toll remaining at 249.

Dr Noor Hisham also announced that two new Covid-19 clusters had been detected in Selangor and Penang.

The Usaha cluster, detected in Klang and Petaling in Selangor, has racked up 17 cases.

The index patient (Case

30,697) tested positive for Covid-19 after undergoing screening on Oct 30 and was admitted to Sungai Buloh Hospital for treatment.

To date, 25 people in the cluster have been screened, with 17 testing positive, five negative and three awaiting results.

The Tembaga cluster, meanwhile, was detected in the north-east and southwest of Penang island.

A total of 69 people have been screened from the cluster.

"The index patient (Case 29,359) tested positive for the coronavirus after SARI testing on Oct 28," Dr Noor Hisham said.

From the total, seven tested positive, 13 negative while the rest were awaiting test results.

Dr Noor Hisham said there were now 35 active clusters.

The Hentian cluster contributed the most number of cases at 90, followed by the Bah Manggis cluster with 33 new cases.

KUALA LUMPUR: The authorities are preparing for floods in the east coast during the upcoming monsoon season to prevent a Covid-19 outbreak.

Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said infections might happen during the evacuation and relocation of victims.

During the floods, he said, the risk of infections was high as victims would be sent to shelters, and they would be forced to gather in crowded areas and share toilets.

"We also have to consider possible infections during the rescue efforts as some people would need to be physically carried from a flooded area.

"We are having discussions on the matter.

"Nevertheless, we hope that there will be no floods this time as we prepare for the monsoon season in November, December and January. No floods have been reported so far," he said at a press conference yesterday.

Ismail Sabri said the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) would be implemented at the Kota Kinabalu temporary detention centre for 14 days from tomorrow till Nov 16.

He said the order was issued to curb the spread of Covid-19 as 56 detainees had tested positive for the virus.

"The National Security Council (NSC) meeting received an application from the Sabah NSC on the imposition of the EMCO at the Kota Kinabalu temporary detention centre. Up to Oct 30, 261 detainees and staff have been screened for Covid-19.

"The EMCO will involve 1,820 detainees and 114 staff at the centre. The same standard operating procedures (SOP) at other detention centres apply.

"All movements in and out of the centre are prohibited and visitations are not allowed throughout the EMCO period."

Ismail Sabri also said the EMCO at Alor Star Prison, which started on Oct 5, would end today as no new Covid-19 cases had been recorded in the last seven days.

On SOP compliance checks, Ismail Sabri urged municipal councils to clamp down on entertainment outlets found violating the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO).

He said out of the 485 people nabbed on Saturday, 25 were for offences related to pubs and nightclubs.

"They committed the same offences that are recorded daily, such as not wearing face masks, being involved in activities that made physical distancing difficult and operating entertainment outlets during the RMCO.

"We hope the local authorities will take stringent action and clamp down on errant business owners as the issuance of business licences is under their jurisdiction."

He said from the total number of people nabbed, 480 were issued with compounds and five were remanded.

The offences were failure to wear face masks (162), activities that made physical distancing difficult (123), failure to provide registration facilities at premises (79), indulging in activities at entertainment outlets (25), operat-

'Floods may pose risks of virus spread'

ing premises beyond the permitted hours (13) and others (83).

He said the SOP compliance task force teams held 52,552 checks, including at 3,449 supermarkets, 4,288 restaurants, 1,245 hawkers stalls and 1,947 markets and agricultural markets.

"A total of 2,991 places of worship and 1,290 recreational areas were also inspected."

On Op Benteng, Ismail Sabri said the authorities nabbed 41 illegal immigrants and seized four land vehicles.

He said 10,979 sanitation operations had been conducted since March 30, covering 137 zones under the supervision of the Housing and Local Government Ministry.

He said on Saturday, 39 operations were conducted in 12 red, 10 yellow and four green zones in Sabah (eight operations), Melaka (eight), Negri Sembilan (five), four each in Sarawak and Kuala Lumpur, three each in Penang and Terengganu, and one each in Pahang, Perlis, Putrajaya and Labuan.

He added that 59,061 people had returned from abroad between July 24 and Saturday.

He said 10,035 people were undergoing the 14-day mandatory quarantine at 62 hotels and 19 other premises, including in public training institutes in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Penang, Johor, Sarawak, Kelantan, Perak, Kedah, Perlis, Terengganu, Sabah and Labuan.

A total of 381 returnees had been taken to hospitals for treatment, while 48,645 people were allowed to go home.

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'Constant contact and confined spaces are risky'

Duration of time spent in workplaces a factor in emergence of new clusters

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PETALING JAYA: Known to many as their second home due to the hours spent there, some workplaces are unfortunately quite a Covid-19 risk these days.

As pointed out by Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, about 30% of the 230 clusters that had emerged since the outbreak began in Malaysia were linked to the workplace.

He revealed last Tuesday that 62 clusters were workplace-related, out of which 37 of them are still active.

Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) executive director Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan said employees working in jobs dealing with customers and those in confined spaces at work were most at risk of contracting Covid-19.

For example, he said security guards would have many people passing by them.

"There are also those working in air-conditioned offices where there is a danger of the disease spreading to others," he said.

This explained why the government wanted a minimum number of people in office spaces, so that the rest could work from home, he added.

Shamsuddin said that air filtration equipment in offices must be regularly serviced to ensure air quality.

As there are many Covid-19 cases that are

asymptomatic, Shamsuddin said companies needed to come up with stringent procedures to ensure the safety of employees, with those feeling unwell refraining from coming to the workplace.

"Even though there are no apparent symptoms, sometimes you know your body is not doing well and something is not right," he said.

SME Association of Malaysia president Datuk Michael Kang concurred, saying the majority of Covid-19 cases came from the retail sectors such as restaurants and crowded places, and much less from the factories or offices.

But Kang noted that the workplace could get infected due to employees going out to public areas and bringing back the virus, thus infecting their colleagues.

"All employees and employers have to follow the SOP. Measure your temperature, wear a face mask and wash your hands," he said.

The Malaysia Retail Chain Association (MRCA) pointed out that it was "highly speculative" to say that infection occurs at the workplace as it could also take place outside working hours.

"We believe that with strict implementation and compliance with Covid-19 workplace SOP, retail employees are not exposed to higher risk than those in industries such as banking, automotive and manufacturing."

"It is a fact that the virus does not discrim-



inate based on industry, and transmission usually happens when such SOP is not fully adhered to.

"For example, the banking industry has also reported a rise in the number of cases in the past week," it said in a statement.

MRCA noted that prevention starts from home, and the "internalisation" of the SOP as the "new normal" would help minimise the overall risk of infection - be it at work or otherwise.

MTUC deputy president Mohd Effendy Abdul Ghani said more stringent enforcement of the SOP was better, adding that non-compliance was prevalent.

"There are employers who take the SOP lightly, so we think they need stricter enforcement. With the employees too, they need to

have better self-discipline," he said.

Health experts said it was not surprising that Covid-19 infections would emerge in workplaces.

This is because many people were inclined to let their guard down while at work, as they felt that they were in a "comfort zone" or familiar place.

Universiti Malaya public health medicine specialist Prof Dr Victor Hoe said this was similar to when people were with friends and family.

"When we feel comfortable and secure, we tend to let our guard down and forget about the precautionary measures and SOP," he said, adding that there was also an increased risk of transmission in workers' quarters.

'Many let guard down at workplace'

PETALING JAYA: A wide range of suggestions have emerged following the Health Ministry's revelation that one-third of the Covid-19 clusters was linked to the workplace.

Universiti Malaya public health medicine specialist Prof Dr Victor Hoe said there should be proper ventilation systems to ensure circulation of fresh air from the outside along with at least a MERV-13 filter for recirculating air.

A MERV-13 filter can help trap smaller particles, including viruses from circulating in the air, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

For workplaces that use split air-conditioner units, Dr Hoe said installing a stand-alone high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter might help.

Dr Hoe said companies must also provide facilities where workers could eat their meals safely.

"Most of the time, people are exposed during mealtimes, as this is when they need to

take off their face masks," he said.

Dr Hoe said workers must ensure that they abide by the SOP at all times, including during their commute to and from work.

His feedback came following the Health Ministry's revelation that 30% of the 230 Covid-19 clusters detected in Malaysia were linked to the workplace.

Universiti Malaya Department of Social and Preventive Medicine Faculty of Medicine Prof Dr Moy Foong Ming said seating in the office should be rearranged, with a distance of at least one metre apart.

Indoor air temperature and humidity should be at healthy and comfortable levels, she said.

Providing good indoor ventilation, reducing the number of employees in the office, ensuring SOPs were observed in workers' dormitories were ways to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the workplace, she said.

"Employees who fail to follow the SOP for example, by taking meals together in the office canteen without following the SOP can

initiate a new cluster," she warned.

She said workplace clusters were being detected due to targeted screening of high risk groups.

These include migrant workers, security guards, frontliners and prison officers.

Medical Practitioners Coalition Association of Malaysia president Dr Raj Kumar Maharajah believed most people contracted Covid-19 in public areas and then brought the virus to their workplace.

"The only thing employers can do is to advise their workers."

"If they have symptoms or come into contact with Covid-19 patients, don't report for work. Get tested first," he said.

Dr Raj added that the Health Ministry's partial lockdowns were only a short-term solution to prevent the spread of Covid-19, noting that in the long term, biosecurity measures were needed as well as vaccination of the masses.

"I think the virus will only clear in 2022," he said.

DG: 957 new cases found; majority from Sabah

PETALING JAYA: A total of 957 new Covid-19 cases have been recorded in the country, with the majority emerging in Sabah, says Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

He noted that Sabah recorded 644 cases, while the Klang Valley (Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya) reported 230 cases.

"The four areas contributed 874 cases. This is due to more close contact screening activities and screening at conditional movement control order (MCO) areas in Plaza Hentian Kajang, where 91 new cases were recorded."

"All these places are currently under the conditional MCO," he said yesterday.

He noted that Penang, Labuan, Terengganu, Sarawak, Negri Sembilan and Perak recorded 23, 18, 15, 11, eight and five cases respectively.

Kedah, Melaka and Johor recorded one new case each.

Dr Noor Hisham also said 80 cases came from temporary detention centres and the prison clusters at the Tawau temporary detention centre (54 cases), Seberang Perai Prison cluster (14), Kepayan Prison cluster (six), Benteng ID cluster (three) and the Rumah Merah cluster (three).

Dr Noor Hisham noted that two new clusters were detected in Selangor and Penang.

The Usha cluster was detected in Klang and Petaling in Selangor.

"The index case of this cluster was detected from a symptomatic screening of an individual on Oct 30," he said.

KK temporary detention centre under EMCO

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Security Council will enforce the enhanced movement control order (MCO) at the Kota Kinabalu temporary detention centre in Sabah from Nov 3 to 16, says Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

The Senior Minister said the move would involve 1,820 detainees and 114 personnel.

As of Oct 30, 261 detainees and personnel had been screened and 56 detainees tested positive for Covid-19, he said.

"Under the enhanced MCO, all movements

in and out of the Kota Kinabalu temporary detention centre, as well as visits by family members, are not allowed," he told a press conference yesterday.

Meanwhile, the enhanced MCO at the Alor Setar Prison in Kedah will end today.

According to Ismail Sabri, no Covid-19 case had been recorded there in the last seven days.

On another matter, he said 485 individuals were detained for violating regulations under the recovery MCO on Saturday.

Among the violations committed were failing to wear face masks (162), failing to practise physical distancing (123), failing to provide registration tools for purposes of contact tracing (79), indulging in entertainment centres (25), operating business premises over the stipulated hours or operating without permission (13), and others (83).

Elaborating on Ops Benteng, Ismail Sabri said 41 foreigners were detained and four land vehicles were seized on Saturday. — Bernama

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NATION

Hospital Sungai Buloh team wins global recognition

KUALA LUMPUR: The Covid-19 team at Hospital Sungai Buloh was recognised at the Global Health Awards 2020 recently for its unwavering efforts in battling the pandemic.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah congratulated the head of Hospital Sungai Buloh Infectious Disease Department, Dr Suresh Kumar, and Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Department head Dr Shaiful Azman Zakaria as well as the hospital's Covid-19 team for the recognition.

"Heartiest congratulations to Dr Suresh Kumar and Dr Shaiful Azman and the whole Covid-19 team at Hospital Sungai Buloh for the recognition at the Global Health Awards 2020. Very well-deserved indeed!

"The nation thank you and your team for unwavering dedication, sacrifice and excellence in our efforts to fight Covid-19," he said on his social media accounts.

According to the Global Health Awards website, the regional Asia-Pacific awards are aimed at recognising companies in various regional and global markets that have consistently maintained high standards in delivering quality care and pushed the boundaries of delighting their customers at every stage and in every interaction.

Hospital Sungai Buloh was designated as Malaysia's main Covid-19 hospital in March.
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AKHBAR : THE SUN

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS

Covid cases breach 900 mark

PETALING JAYA: The daily number of new Covid-19 cases detected as of noon yesterday surged past the 900-mark again, with 957 found positive.

The Health Ministry also recorded 972 recoveries yesterday, bringing the tally to 22,220, or 68.4% of the cumulative number of cases of 32,505.

Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said all the 957 new cases were from local transmissions.

"No new death was reported, bringing the total number of Covid-19 fatalities to 249," he said in a statement yesterday.

Sabah continued to lead in the

number of positive cases (644), followed by Selangor (225), Penang (23), Labuan (18), Terengganu (15), Sarawak (11), Negri Sembilan (8), Perak (five), Kuala Lumpur (four), while Kedah, Malacca, Johor and Putrajaya recorded one case each.

There are 97 patients currently being treated at the intensive care units, with 27 cases requiring respiratory aid.

Two clusters were detected yesterday. The Usaha cluster in Selangor involved the districts of Klang and Petaling and recorded 16 new cases. The other cluster was the Tembaga cluster in Penang, with one new case.