

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

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Nasional

Sultan Selangor ucap tahniah 2 petugas HSB

Shah Alam: Sultan Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj, menzahirkan ucapan tahniah kepada dua petugas Hospital Sungai Buloh (HSB) yang menerima pengiktirafan Anugerah Kesihatan Global (GHA 2020).
Ucapan tahniah itu dizahirkan kepada Ketua Jabatan Penyakit Berjangkit, Dr C Suresh

Kumar dan Ketua Jabatan Anestesia dan Rawatan Rapi, Dr Shai-ful Azman Zakaria.

"Baginda amat berbangga dengan pencapaian cemerlang petugas barisan hadapan di Hospital Sungai Buloh khususnya dan di Selangor amnya, yang menunjukkan dedikasi dan komitmen tinggi dalam usaha menghapus-

kan wabak berbahaya COVID-19.

"Baginda berharap petugas barisan hadapan terus tabah dan cekal dalam menjalankan tugas masing-masing merawat pesakit COVID-19," titah baginda menerusi Facebook Selangor Royal Office, semalam.

Sultan Selangor turut mengingatkan pihak berkuasa tem-

patan (PBT) dan polis supaya lebih tegas dalam pemantauan sepanjang tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) berikutan statistik kes baharu COVID-19 di negeri itu terus meningkat.

"Baginda juga kecewa kerana masih terdapat segelintir pihak tidak mengambil serius, lalai dan

ingkar dalam mematuhi arahan PKPB khususnya pengendali premis hiburan dan makanan.

"Baginda khuatir sekiranya kedegilan pematuhan SOP di bawah PKPB ini berterusan, penularan wabak berbahaya COVID-19 akan sukar untuk diban-teras sepenuhnya," titah Sultan Sharafuddin.

Pemulanan COVID-19

834 kes positif, 2 kematian

Labuan catat peningkatan hampir enam kali ganda

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Putrajaya: Kes baharu positif COVID-19 di negara ini masih tinggi apabila sebanyak 834 kes dilaporkan semalam, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif sebanyak 33,339, setakat ini.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata Labuan mencatatkan peningkatan hampir enam kali ganda iaitu 105 kes, berbanding kelmarin dengan hanya 18 kes positif.

Beliau berkata, berikutan itu, lebih banyak saringan bersasar yang dijalankan di lapan-

gan dengan saringan komuniti yang dijalankan di Jalan Tenaga berjaya mengesan 57 lagi kes positif COVID-19 semalam.

"Sabah pula mencatatkan sebanyak 503 kes atau 60.3 peratus, manakala negeri di Lembah Klang mencatatkan 157 kes bersamaan 18.8 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

"Secara keseluruhannya, Sabah, negeri di Lembah Klang dan Labuan mencatatkan sebanyak 765 kes iaitu 91.7 peratus. Semua negeri-negeri ini masih berada dalam Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB)," katanya pada sidang media harian COVID-19, di sini, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, selain itu 7.7 peratus atau 64 kes semalam disumbangkan oleh kluster di penjara dan berkaitan pusat tahanan sementara (PTS) iaitu PTS Tawau 42 kes, Kluster Penjara Seberang Perai (sembilan), Kluster Penjara Ke-

payan (lapan), Kluster Rumah Merah (empat), dan Kluster Penjara Tapah (satu kes).

"Tiga kes hari ini pula adalah kes import yang mendapat jangkitan dari luar negara masing-masing satu kes dari Amerika Syarikat (AS), India dan Indonesia," katanya.

Memperincikan mengenai kes semalam, selain Sabah yang menyumbangkan 503 kes, negeri lain yang mencatatkan pertambahan kes ialah Selangor iaitu 129, disusuli Pulau Pinang (21), Kuala Lumpur (20), Negeri Sembilan (16), Sarawak (14), Johor (lapan), Putrajaya (enam), Kedah (tiga), Perak (tiga), Kelantan (dua) dan Pahang (satu).

Dua kes kematian dilaporkan semalam di Kota Kinabalu dan Sandakan, Sabah membabitkan mangsa berusia 75 dan 88 tahun, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kematian sebanyak 251 atau 0.8 peratus daripada

jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sehingga jam 12 tengah semalam terdapat 900 kes pulih menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes yang sudah pulih sepenuhnya adalah 23,120 kes atau 69.3 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Sementara itu, katanya, sebanyak tujuh individu termasuk seorang petugas media yang sepatutnya bertugas di Parlimen disahkan positif melalui saringan sebelum sidang Dewan Rakyat bermula.

Katanya, mereka termasuk seorang polis bantuan dan isterinya, rakan sekerjanya, seorang petugas media serta pembantu seorang senator.

"Seorang polis bantuan didapati positif dan kita menjalankan pengesanan kontak dan mendapati tiga daripada rakan sekerjanya serta isterinya juga positif. Sudah ada lima kes di situ.

"Seorang lagi bekerja dengan



Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

media dan kami sudah menjalankan pengesanan kontak terhadap tujuh ahli keluarganya dan keputusan ujian masih belum diperoleh.

"Pembantu seorang senator didapati positif dan kami sudah mengenal pasti 12 kontak rapat. Walaupun pembantu itu positif, mereka mungkin dalam tempoh inkubasi jadi kami kuarantin se-muanya," katanya.

Beliau berkata, ada tempoh enam minggu daripada hari terakhir Dewan Negara bersidang pada September lalu sehingga mereka menjalani ujian saringan minggu lalu.

Justeru, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, pihaknya tidak tahu di mana kakitangan terbabit terdedah kepada jangkitan COVID dan siasatan masih dijalankan.

Lima kluster baharu dikenal pasti di 8 negeri

Putrajaya: Lima kluster baharu dikenal pasti di beberapa negeri termasuk di Negeri Sembilan, Sarawak, Sabah, Kedah dan Putrajaya hasil saringan individu bergejala serta saringan bersasar terhadap komuniti berisiko tinggi.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham, berkata Kluster Pusat Tahanan Sementara (PTS) Tawau dikesan di Tawau, Sabah yang sudah mengjangkiti 104 individu.

"Kes indeks bagi kluster ini iaitu kes ke-15,423 dikenal pasti positif COVID-19 hasil saringan individu bergejala pada 5 Oktober lalu. Saringan kontak rapat berjaya mengesan 103 lagi individu positif dan semua mereka dimasukkan ke Hospital Tawau untuk rawatan lanjut.

"Sehingga jam 12 tengah hari ini (semalam), seramai 1,671 individu disaring dan daripada jumlah berkenaan 1,567 indi-

vidu masih menunggu keputusan," katanya dalam sidang media harian COVID-19, di sini, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, satu kluster dikesan membabitkan sub zon Batu Arang di Labuan iaitu Kluster Tenaga dan sudah jangkiti 57 individu.

"Kes-kes bagi kluster ini dikenal pasti positif COVID-19 hasil saringan bersasar terhadap komuniti berisiko tinggi hari ini (semalam) dan mereka dimasukkan ke Hospital Labuan untuk tindakan lanjut. Sehingga jam 12 tengah hari ini (semalam) seramai 103 individu disaring dan 46 individu masih menunggu keputusan.

"Kluster ketiga dikesan di beberapa negeri antaranya Seremban, Port Dickson dan Rembau di Negeri Sembilan, daerah Petaling di Selangor, Johor Bahru dan Putrajaya.

"Kluster berkenaan dinamakan

sebagai Kluster Gedong dan kini sudah mengjangkiti 12 individu. Kes indeks bagi kluster ini iaitu kes ke-29,341 dikenal pasti positif COVID-19 hasil saringan individu bergejala pada 27 Oktober lalu sebelum dimasukkan ke Hospital Rembau.

"Saringan dilakukan terhadap 61 individu dan daripada jumlah berkenaan 12 individu dikesan positif, 19 individu negatif dan 30 lagi masih menunggu keputusan," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Kluster Wisma Saberkas pula dikesan di Kuching, Sarawak membabitkan kes indeks iaitu kes ke-30,813 yang dikenal pasti positif COVID-19 hasil saringan individu bergejala Jumaat lalu dan dimasukkan ke Hospital Umum Sarawak.

"Sehingga 12 tengah hari ini (semalam), seramai 130 indivi-

du sudah disaring dan daripada jumlah berkenaan lapan kes dikesan positif COVID-19, 10 individu dikesan negatif dan 112 individu lagi masih menunggu keputusan.

"Manakala kluster terakhir yang dikesan hari ini (semalam)

ialah Kluster Seridana di Putrajaya apabila kes indeks bagi kluster ini iaitu kes ke-32,505 dikenal pasti positif COVID-19 hasil saringan individu bergejala pada 31 Oktober lalu," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata sehingga jam 12 tengah hari semalam, seramai 31 individu sudah disaring dalam Kluster Seridana dan lima individu disahkan positif, manakala 26 individu lagi masih menunggu keputusan.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, satu kluster sudah tamat pemantauan iaitu Kluster Sungai di Kedah



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ANGGOTA Agensi Penguatkuasaan Maritim Malaysia (APMM) Zon Maritim Labuan dalam Op Benteng Laut Timur melakukan rondaan di perairan Labuan susulan arahan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPPB) di wilayah itu dalam usaha membanteras penularan Covid-19.

Kluster PTS Tawau jangkiti 104 individu

Lima kluster baharu dikesan di tiga negeri, Putrajaya dan Labuan

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Lima kluster baharu Covid-19 dikenal pasti Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) di tiga negeri dan Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya serta Labuan semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, tiga negeri berkenaan adalah Sabah, Negeri Sembilan dan Sarawak.

Menurutnya, Kluster PTS Tawau dilaporkan di Pusat Tahanan Sementara (PTS) di Tawau yang menjangkiti 104 individu.

Johor Bahru: Pekan Kempas dan sekitarnya lengang susulan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD) Secara Pentadbiran dilaksanakan di Institut Latihan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (ILKMM) Johor Bahru, sejak Jumaat lalu. Tinjauan di kawasan Kempas dan sekitarnya mendapati beberapa kawasan tumpuan umum termasuk Pusat Perniagaan



Kluster Tenaga pula membabitkan subzon Batu Arang di Labuan dan kes bagi kluster ini dikenal pasti positif hasil saringan bersasar terhadap komuniti berisiko tinggi pada hari ini (semalam)."

Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

"Kes indeks bagi kluster ini (kes ke-15,423) dikenal pasti positif Covid-19 hasil saringan individu bergejala pada 5 Oktober lalu.

"Saringan kontak rapat mengesan 103 lagi kes po-

sitif Covid-19. Kesemua kes dimasukkan ke Hospital Tawau.

"Kluster Tenaga pula membabitkan subzon Batu Arang di Labuan dan kes bagi kluster ini dikenal pasti positif hasil saringan bersasar terhadap komuniti berisiko tinggi pada hari ini (semalam).

"Seramai 57 individu dikesan positif manakala 46 orang lagi masih menunggu keputusan," katanya ketika sidang media harian Covid-19 di Putrajaya, semalam.

Selain itu, beliau berkata, Kluster Gedong dikenal pasti di Seremban, Port Dickson dan Rembau di Negeri Sembilan; Petaling, Selangor; Johor Bahru, Johor serta Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya.

Pekan Kempas lengang

Baru Pasar Taman. Dahlia yang sebelum ini dipenuhi orang awam, kini lengang berbanding kebiasaannya.

Peniaga di medan selera pusat perniagaan itu turut mengeluh apabila perniagaan makanan mereka terjejas berikutan orang ramai bimbang untuk mengunjungi kawasan itu sejak Sabtu

lalu. Peniaga nasi campur, Hanita Hashim, 50, berkata, sebelum ini kedatangan orang ramai menggalakkan selesap media melaporkan kewujudan klip audio palsu yang mengatakan 99 peratus kawasan Kempas adalah zon merah.

Katanya, sebaik berita

Menurutnya, kes indeks bagi kluster itu (kes ke-29,341) dikesan positif Covid-19 hasil saringan individu bergejala pada 27 Oktober lalu dan dimasukkan ke Hospital Rembau.

"Saringan kontak rapat mengesan sebanyak 11 lagi kes positif Covid-19 manakala 19 individu dikesan negatif dan 30 individu masih menunggu keputusan," katanya.

Bagi Kluster Wisma Sberkas yang membabitkan daerah Kuching, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, kes indeks bagi kluster itu (kes ke-30,813) dikesan positif hasil saringan individu bergejala pada 30 Oktober dan dimasukkan ke Hospital Umum.

ILKMM Johor Bahru diarahkan menjalani PKPD sejak Jumaat dilaporkan, kunjungan orang ramai ke kawasan perniagaan di situ dan Kempas merudum.

"Perniagaan nasi campur saya merosot hingga 80 peratus apabila tiada pelanggan berani datang makan di sini, malah bermula jam 11 pagi, langsung tiada pelanggan sejak Sabtu lalu," katanya.

Kebolehhajangan mula menurun

Kuala Lumpur: Nilai kebolehhajangan atau Ro (R naught) kini sudah menurun kurang daripada satu menjadikan bilangan kes positif dapat dikurangkan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, setakat ini R naught sekitar 0.95 dan ia menjadi petunjuk yang baik kepada aktiviti kesihatan yang dijalankan di lapangan.

Menurutnya, dalam tempoh dua minggu ini KKM berjaya menurunkan R naught ini kurang daripada satu.

Katanya, KKM juga berharap angka itu dapat diturunkan lebih rendah lagi dan mampu mengurangkan kadar kebolehhajangan dalam komuniti.

"Kita harap dapat tingkatkan aktiviti kesihatan awam dan kawal dalam tempoh dua hingga tiga



DR Noor Hisham

minggu ini dan kes boleh turun di sabah dan negeri lain.

"Kes semakin berkurangan di Kedah dan ini adalah kejayaan kita kawal di Kedah dan kita akan guna pakai pengalaman ini bagi mengurangkan kes di Sabah," katanya pada sidang media di Putrajaya, semalam.

Kelengkapan rawat pesakit di Sabah cukup

Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) menafikan dakwaan kelengkapan kesihatan bagi merawat Covid-19 di Sabah tidak mencukupi.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, KKM lebih bersedia daripada pelbagai sudut bagi menghadapi gelombang ketiga virus berkenaan.

Menurutnya, kesiapsiagaan dari segi petugas barisan hadapan dan kapasiti peralatan juga ditambah baik daripada sebelum ini.

Beliau berkata, sebagai persediaan awal juga, KKM sudah menghantar petugas barisan hadapan ke Sabah sebelum Pilihan Raya Negeri (PRN) diadakan September lalu.

"Dakwaan itu tidak benar kerana kita lebih bersedia untuk menghadapi gelombang ketiga ini.

"Peralatan seperti pakaian perlindungan diri (PPE)

juga sudah dihantar menerusi perolehan kecemasan berjumlah RM25 juta selain kapasiti katil di hospital juga ditambah," katanya pada sidang media di Putrajaya, semalam.

Katanya, setakat ini KKM sudah menyediakan 8,539 katil di seluruh Sabah untuk rawatan Covid-19 dan kapasiti penggunaannya sudah 60 peratus.

Katanya, bekalan PPE juga boleh bertahan sehingga 29 hari manakala PPE sumbangan kerajaan Sabah dan badan bukan kerajaan (NGO) boleh digunakan untuk tempoh 90 hari lagi.

Selain itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, KKM juga sudah menaik taraf Hospital Semporna sebagai pusat rawatan Covid-19 bagi mengurangkan kebergantungan pada Hospital Tawau.

"Pesakit di Semporna kini boleh dirawat tanpa perlu pergi ke Hospital Tawau," katanya.

RINGKAS

Kluster Sungai diisytihar tamat

Kuala Lumpur: Kluster Sungai yang membabitkan Kedah dan Perlis diisytihar tamat semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, seramai 25,406 individu disaring dalam kluster berkenaan.

"Daripada jumlah itu, 101 kes dikesan positif Covid-19 dan baki 25,305 individu negatif. Terdapat satu kes kematian dilaporkan dalam kluster itu.

"Kadar positifiti bagi kluster itu adalah 0.40 peratus," katanya pada sidang media harian Covid-19 di Putrajaya, semalam.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : PERSIDANGAN DEWAN RAKYAT



AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 11

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

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Sabah belum kritikal

KKM sahkan kapasiti kesihatan di negeri itu masih mampu tampung pesakit

Oleh TUAN BUQHAIRAH TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN

PUTRAJAYA

Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) menepis dakwaan sesetengah pihak bahawa situasi di Sabah kini semakin kritikal.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata,

kapasiti kesihatan di negeri itu masih mampu menampung jumlah pesakit. "Pihak yang membuat pelbagai dakwaan dengan mengatakan peralatan kesihatan tidak mencukupi mungkin mereka tidak turun padang," katanya pada sidang akhbar perkembangan Covid-19 di KKM di sini semalam.

Menurutnya, walaupun cabaran menangani gelombang ketiga Covid-19 lebih mencabar berbanding gelombang pertama, namun KKM kini lebih bersedia.

"Pelbagai dakwaan seperti kekurangan katil, namun jika kita lihat hari ini (semalam) kes discaj di Sabah juga meningkat," katanya.

Menurutnya, perolchan

darurat sebanyak RM25 juta telah diluluskan dengan RM18 juta untuk peralatan perlindungan peribadi (PPE) dihantar ke Sabah.

"Bakinya sebanyak RM7 juta lagi diagih kepada hospital dan pejabat kesihatan daerah," katanya.

Beliau berkata, berdasarkan rekod, PPE KKM masih lagi boleh bertahan sehingga 29 hari namun a d a

bekalan PPE yang boleh bertahan sehingga 97 hari.

"Kita juga banyak menerima sumbangan PPE daripada kerajaan negeri Sabah dan pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO).

"M a k a dengan jumlah PPE yang ada ini, kita tidak akan menghadapi isu putus bekalan," katanya.



DR NOOR HISHAM

Kes pulih atasi kes baharu

PUTRAJAYA - Jumlah kes pulih koronavirus (Covid-19) semalam mengatasi angka kes positif baharu dengan 900 kes pulih dilaporkan berbanding kes baharu sebanyak 834 kes.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, ini menjadikan jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan Covid-19 adalah 9,968 kes selain 23,120 kes yang telah pulih sepenuhnya daripada jangkitan itu.

"Daripada jumlah kes positif itu 831 adalah kes penularan dalam negara manakala tiga lagi adalah kes import yang mendapat jangkitan dari luar negara masing-masing satu kes dari Amerika Syarikat, India dan Indonesia.

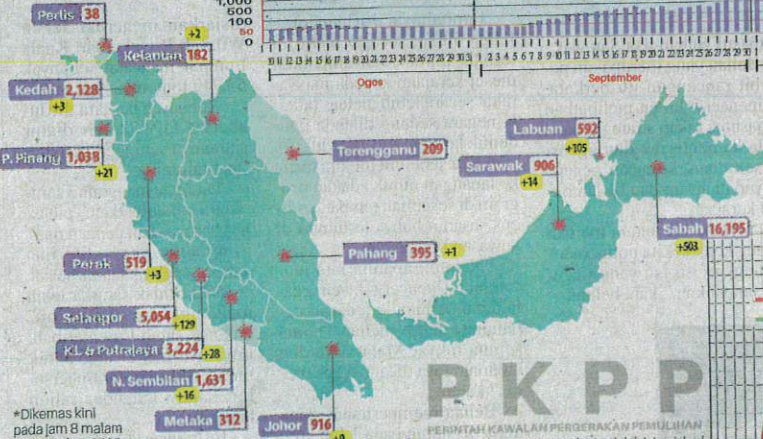
"Kesemua kes baharu hari ini (semalam) melibatkan kes-kes di Sabah sebanyak 503, Selangor (129), Labuan (105) Pulau Pinang (21), Kuala Lumpur (20), Negeri Sembilan (16), Sarawak (14).

"Manakala Johor sebanyak lapan kes, Putrajaya (6), Kedah dan Perak masing-masing tiga kes, Kelantan (2) dan Pahang (1)," katanya pada sidang akhbar perkembangan Covid-19 di Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) di sini semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, sebanyak 91 kes positif Covid-19 sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi dengan 32 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan dan dua kematian direkodkan semalam menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes kematian Covid-19 adalah 251 kes.

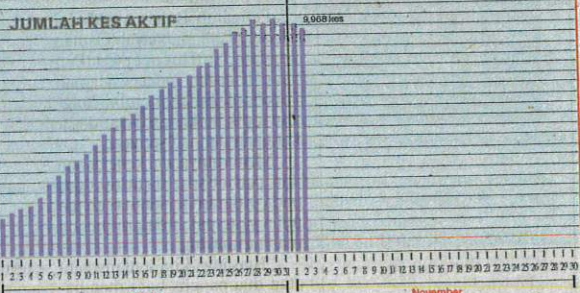
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Bilangan kes Covid-19 mengikut negeri di Malaysia

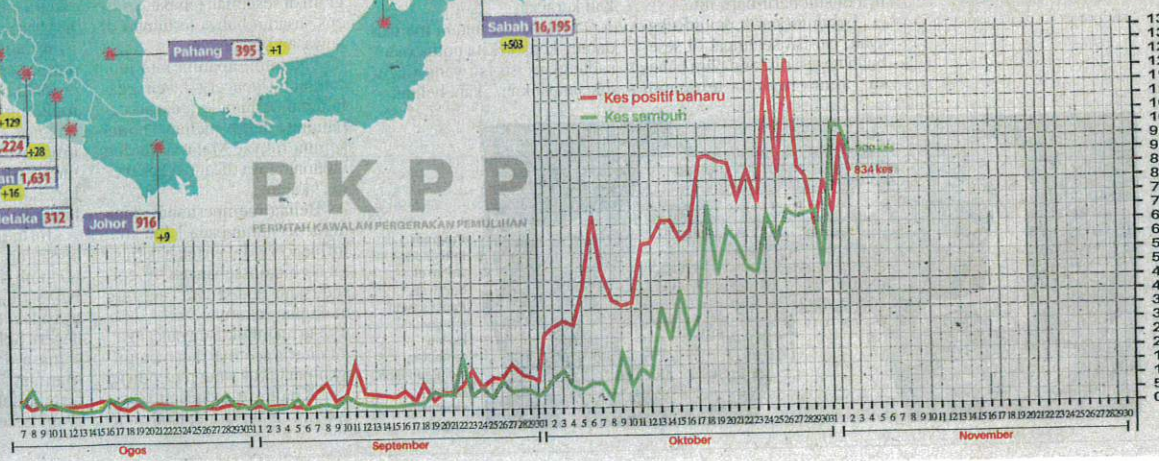


*Dikemas kini pada jam 8 malam 2 November 2020

Jumlah jangkitan Covid-19 di Malaysia semalam meningkat daripada 32,505 kes kepada 33,339 kes



JUMLAH KES BAHARU DAN SEMBUH DILAPORKAN SETIAP HARI									
JUMLAH KESELURUHAN	33,339	PULIH:	23,120	ICI:	91	KEMATIAN:	251	KES BAHARU	+834



INFOGRAFIK SINAR HARIAN/KEK

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

Pulih 900, kes baharu 834

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PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia mencatatkan penurunan jangkitan baharu Covid-19 kepada 834 kes semalam berbanding 957 kes kelmarin menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes positif sebanyak 33,339 kes.

Daripada jumlah tersebut, 831 kes adalah penularan dalam negara manakala tiga lagi kes import yang mendapat jangkitan masing-masing satu dari Amerika Syarikat, India dan Indonesia.

Ini menjadikan jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehhangkitan

adalah 9,968 kes.

Jumlah kes pulih pula sebanyak 900 kes yang menjadikan kumulatif kes pulih meningkat kepada 23,120 kes. Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) merekodkan dua kematian semalam menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan kematian sebanyak 251 kes.

Terdapat 91 kes pesakit sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) manakala 32 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, Sabah masih mencatatkan kes positif baharu tertinggi dengan 503 kes manakala Selangor (129), Labuan (105),

Pulau Pinang (21), Kuala Lumpur (20), Negeri Sembilan (16), Sarawak (14), Johor (8), Putrajaya (6), Kedah dan Perak (3), Kelantan (2) dan Pahang (1).

Menurut beliau, KKM mengenal pasti lima kluster baharu iaitu PTS Tawau dengan saringan kontrak rapat mengesan sebanyak 103 lagi kes positif dan mereka dimasukkan ke Hospital Tawau.

Selain itu, kata beliau, Kluster Tenaga di subzon Batu Arang di Labuan membabitkan 57 kes baharu manakala Kluster Gedong membabitkan Seremban, Port Dickson, Rembau di Negeri Sembilan; Petaling di Selangor; Johor Bahru di Johor

dan Putrajaya membabitkan saringan kontrak rapat sebanyak 11 lagi kes.

"Kluster Wisma Saberkas di Kuching, Sarawak membabitkan tujuh kes positif dan Kluster Seridana di Putrajaya pula terdapat empat kes dikesan dan kini dirawat di Hospital Sungai Buloh," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr. Noor Hisham berkata, Kluster Sungai membabitkan Kedah dan Perlis diisytihar tamat semalam.

"Sehingga hari ini (semalam), seramai 25,406 orang sudah disaring dengan 101 kes positif direkodkan dan satu kematian," katanya.

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Dalam Negeri

7 individu saringan Parlimen positif Covid-19

PUTRAJAYA: Tujuh individu termasuk petugas media yang akan bertugas pada sidang Dewan Rakyat minggu ini disahkan positif Covid-19 melalui saringan yang dilakukan baru-baru ini.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, pihaknya mendapati, ia membabitkan seorang polis bantuan dan isterinya, rakan sekerjanya, seorang petugas media serta pembantu seorang Senator.

Katanya, saringan yang dilak-

kukan minggu lalu mengesan seorang polis bantuan positif maka pengesanan kontak mendapati tiga rakan sekerja dan isterinya positif.

"Seorang lagi dikesan bekerja dengan media dan pengesanan kontak sudah dilakukan terhadap tujuh ahli keluarganya namun keputusan masih belum diperoleh.

"Bagi pembantu khas seorang Senator didapati positif dan kami mengenal pasti 12 kontak rapat. Walaupun pembantu itu positif,

mereka mungkin dalam tempoh inkubasi jadi kami kuarantinkan kesemuanya," katanya dalam sidang akhbar harian di sini, semalam.

Dr. Noor Hisham berkata, pihaknya mendapati ada tempoh enam minggu daripada hari terakhir Dewan Negara yang bersidang pada September lalu sehingga tarikh mereka menjalani ujian saringan.

Katanya, Kementerian tidak tahu kakitangan yang dijangkiti atau siapa pembawa jangkitan itu

kecuali ujian saringan dijalankan setiap dua minggu.

"Inilah cabaran bagi kami. Saringan memang dijalankan namun Kementerian hanya mampu mengesan antara 30 hingga 40 peratus daripada mereka yang bergejala.

"Bagaimanapun, kita semua tahu mereka mungkin tidak bergejala. Jangkitan boleh berlaku dua hari sebelum simptom muncul dan tujuh hari selepas simptom," katanya.

Mengenai dakwaan berlakunya

masalah di Semporna, Sabah, Dr. Noor Hisham berkata, pihak yang membuat pelbagai dakwaan dengan mengatakan peralatan kesihatan tidak mencukupi mungkin mereka tidak turun padang.

Katanya, Kementerian sentiasa memantau keadaan terutama katil untuk pesakit.

"Cabaran di gelombang ketiga lebih tinggi tetapi kesiapsagaan kita juga lebih baik jika dibandingkan pada bulan Mac dan April lalu," ujarnya.

Temco di ILKKM Johor mulai hari ini

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PUTRAJAYA: Kerajaan memuktuskan untuk melaksanakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan Secara Pentadbiran (Temco) di Institut Latihan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (ILKKM) Johor Bahru bermula hari ini hingga 16 November.

Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berkata, perintah itu melibatkan seramai 1,559 orang terdiri daripada pelatih institut tersebut, staf serta ahli keluarga dan pekerja sokongan.

Kata beliau, sebanyak 1,515 saringan Covid-19 telah dilaksanakan di kawasan tersebut setakat ini dan daripada jumlah itu, seramai 46 individu didapati positif.

"Dengan pelaksanaan perintah ini semua yang terlibat dikehendaki mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang ditetapkan iaitu pergerakan keluar masuk ke ILKKM adalah tidak dibenarkan dan bekalan makanan kepada pelatih akan dibekalkan oleh kerajaan negeri atau Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat.

"Kementerian Kesihatan akan melakukan saringan secara bersasar kepada semua warga ILKKM dan meneruskan pengesanan kontak rapat," katanya dalam sidang akhbar selepas mesyuarat khas Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) di sini, semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Ismail Sabri berkata, perintah Temco di Penjara Keping Sabah dan Kuarters Penjara Taman Mat Salleh, Kampung Matambai dilanjutkan lagi selama 14 hari



ISMAIL SABRI YAAKOB

sehingga 16 November ini.

Katanya, sehingga semalam, jumlah kes positif Covid-19 melibatkan lokaliti tersebut adalah sebanyak 1,671 kes manakala bilangan mereka yang disaring ialah seramai 3,509 orang termasuk banduan, pegawai, kakitangan dan ahli keluarga mereka.

Walaupun bagaimanapun, beliau memberitahu, perintah Temco di Kampung Saguking Laut dan Kampung Sebor Baru, Labuan ditamatkan setelah saringan Kementerian Kesihatan mendapati kes positif Covid-19 di kawasan tersebut telah menurun dan terkawal.

Pada masa sama, Ismail Sabri berkata, SOP di beberapa lokaliti di Sabah akan dipinda iaitu membenarkan seorang wakil daripada setiap rumah untuk keluar dari kawasan Temco dengan kebenaran Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM).

Katanya, kebenaran itu adalah bagi tujuan khusus seperti mengeluarkan wang daripada mesin ATM atau bank dan membeli keperluan asas dan barangan bukan makanan lain seperti susu atau lampin bayi.

Menurutnya, pasar juga dibenarkan beroperasi di kawasan Temco dua kali seminggu dari pukul 6 pagi sehingga 2 petang.

Walaupun bagaimanapun, jelas beliau, pindaan SOP itu tidak terpakai di kawasan Penjara dan Pusat Tahanan Sementara di Sabah.

"SOP Temco yang dilaksanakan ketika ini membenarkan kedai runcit dalam kawasan lokaliti beroperasi dari pukul 6 pagi hingga 6 petang.

"Walaupun bagaimanapun, masih terdapat kekangan bagi penduduk di kawasan itu untuk mendapatkan keperluan lain yang tidak terdapat di kedai runcit di kawasan Temco itu," katanya.

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900 pesakit pulih berbanding 834 kes penularan harian semalam

Hari ketiga lebih ramai pulih

Oleh SITI A'ISYAH SUKAIMI

PUTRAJAYA – Negara merekodkan hari ketiga berturut-turut kes sembuh melebihi kes harian dan terbaharu, sebanyak 900 kes pulih dicatatkan semalam berbanding sebanyak 834 kes harian dilaporkan.

Jumlah kes pulih Covid-19 itu menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes sembuh sebanyak 23,120 kes, manakala angka kes positif di seluruh negara pula sebanyak 33,339 kes.

Selain itu, terdapat peningkatan kes bagi 38 kluster aktif semalam dengan lima daripadanya ialah kluster baharu iaitu Kluster PTS Tawau, Kluster Tenaga, Kluster Gedong, Kluster Wisma Saberkas dan Kluster Seridana.

Dalam masa sama, terdapat pertambahan dua kematian di Sabah menjadikan sebanyak 251 kes kematian direkodkan sehingga kini iaitu lelaki berusia 88 tahun dengan latar belakang osteoarthritis meninggal dunia di Hospital Duchess of Kent.

Satu lagi kematian iaitu wanita berusia 75 tahun di Hospital Queen Elizabeth dengan sejarah penyakit kencing manis, darah tinggi dan dislipidemia.

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



SEORANG kakitangan menunjukkan tanda bagus selepas PKPD di Penjara Alor Setar ditamatkan semalam. – SHAHIR NOORDIN

lah berkata, Sabah mencatatkan sebanyak 503 kes atau 60.3 peratus, manakala negeri-negeri di Lembah Klang merekodkan 157 kes atau 18.8 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Menurutnya, Labuan pula mencatatkan peningkatan hampir enam kali ganda daripada 18 kes positif kelmarin kepada 105 kes semalam.

"Kelima-lima negeri ini menyumbang sebanyak 765 kes atau 91.7 peratus secara keseluruhan, manakala lonjakan kes di Labuan

berikutan lebih banyak saringan bersasar yang dijalankan di lapangan.

"Saringan komuniti di Jalan Tenaga, Labuan telah mengenal pasti 57 lagi kes positif dan kesemua negeri ini masih berada dalam Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB)," katanya dalam sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 64 kes atau 7.7 peratus membabitkan Pusat Tahanan Sementara Tawau (42 kes), Kluster Penjara

Seberang Perai (sembilan kes), Kluster Penjara Kepayan (lapan kes), Kluster Rumah Merah (empat kes) dan Kluster Penjara Tapa (satu kes).

Noor Hisham berkata, bagi kluster baharu iaitu Kluster PTS Tawau di Pusat Tahanan Sementara (PTS) di Tawau, Sabah dengan kes indeks wanita berusia 36 tahun hasil saringan bergejala pada 5 Oktober.

"Sebanyak 103 kes positif dikenal pasti selepas saringan kontak rapat terhadap 1,671 individu, manakala 1,567 individu sedang menunggu keputusan.

"Kluster Tenaga pula melibatkan subzon Batu Arang di Labuan dengan kes kluster hasil saringan bersasar terhadap komuniti berisiko tinggi pada 2 November melibatkan 57 kes positif telah dimasukkan ke Hospital Labuan," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, Kluster Gedong melibatkan lokasi Seremban, Port Dickson dan Rembau di Negeri Sembilan, daerah Petaling di Selangor, daerah Johor Baharu di Johor dan Putrajaya.

"Kes indeks kluster ini remaja lelaki berusia 16 tahun dan telah dimasukkan ke Hospital Rembau dan saringan kontak rapat terhadap 61 individu mengesan 11 lagi



Angka Terkini Kes Covid-19 Di Malaysia sehingga semalam

	Jumlah
• Kes baharu	834
Import: 3 Tempatan: 831	
• Pulih	900
• Kematian	2
• Masih dirawat	9,968
• Jumlah kes sembuh	23,120
• Jumlah Kematian	251
Jumlah kes keseluruhan	33,339

kes positif.

"Seterusnya, Kluster Wisma Saberkas di daerah Kuching, Sarawak dengan kes indeks iaitu wanita berusia 40 tahun daripada hasil saringan individu bergejala dan telah dimasukkan ke Hospital Umum Sarawak.

"Justeru, tujuh lagi kes positif selepas saringan kontak rapat dijalankan terhadap 130 individu dan 112 lagi masih menunggu keputusan," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, beliau berkata, Kluster terakhir iaitu Kluster Seridana di Putrajaya melibatkan kes indeks lelaki berusia 40 tahun hasil saringan individu bergejala dan susulan itu, empat lagi kes kes positif selepas saringan kontak rapat terhadap 31 individu.

Saringan Parlimen: Tujuh individu didapati positif

PUTRAJAYA – Kementerian Kesihatan mengesahkan tujuh individu yang sepatutnya bertugas di Parlimen disahkan positif Covid-19 hasil saringan yang dijalankan sebelum bermula sidang Dewan Rakyat.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, mereka yang terabit termasuk seorang petugas media, seorang polis bantuan serta isteri dan rakan sekerjanya serta pembantu seorang senator.

"Polis bantuan tersebut didapati positif dan kita menjalankan pengesanan kontak serta mendapati tiga daripada rakan sekerjanya serta isterinya juga positif jadi, sudah ada lima kes di situ.

"Seorang lagi (positif Covid-19) berkerja dengan media dan kami sudah menjalankan pengesanan kontak terhadap tujuh ahli keluarganya dan keputusan ujian masih belum diperolehi," katanya pada sidang akhbar



NOOR HISHAM

di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, pembantu seorang senator pula disahkan positif dan susulan itu, 12 lagi kontak rapatnya sudah dikenal pasti.

"Walaupun pembantu itu positif, mereka mungkin dalam tempoh inkubasi jadi kami kuarantin kesemuanya," katanya.

Mengulas lanjut, Noor Hisham berkata, ada tempoh enam ming-

gu dari hari terakhir Dewan Negara bersidang pada September lalu sehingga mereka menjalani ujian saringan minggu lalu.

Katanya, justeru, pihaknya tidak mengetahui dari mana kakitangan tersebut terdedah jangkitan itu serta pembawanya melainkan jika ujian saringan dijalankan setiap dua minggu.

"Inilah cabaran bagi kami. Saringan memang dijalankan namun kami hanya mampu mengesan antara 30 hingga 40 peratus daripada mereka yang bergejala.

"Bagaimanapun, kita semua tahu mereka mungkin tidak bergejala. Jangkitan boleh berlaku dua hari sebelum simptom muncul dan tujuh hari selepas simptom," katanya.

Terdahulu, media melaporkan, Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan memaklumkan beberapa kakitangan Dewan Negara disahkan positif Covid-19.

Pegawai bomba Sabah maut akibat Covid-19

KOTA KINABALU – Ketua Kawangan Operasi Kebombaan Ibu Pejabat Jabatan Bomba Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Sabah, Alias Abu meninggal dunia semalam akibat jangkitan Covid-19.

Pengarah JBPM Sabah, Kamarulzaman Malik Abdullah berkata, Allahyarham Alias, 56, disahkan positif Covid-19 pada 16 Oktober lalu sebelum menghembuskan nafas pada pukul 9.15 pagi semalam.

"Allahyarham adalah anggota bomba Sabah yang pertama terkorban akibat pandemik ini. Ini merupakan satu kehilangan besar buat JBPM Sabah.

"Beliau adalah seorang pegawai yang sangat berdedikasi, bertanggungjawab serta mempunyai disiplin tinggi dalam menjalankan tugas, selain sangat penyabar serta tidak berkira dengan kerja," katanya di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, Allahyar-



ALLAHYARHAM ALIAS

ham merupakan seorang yang ramah, sangat tenang dan tidak mudah panik apabila ada keceemasan.

"Beliau juga bertugas di bahagian operasi yang merupakan 'jantung' atau tugas utama bomba.

"Allahyarham adalah antara pegawai yang menjadi harapan pasukan, untuk menguruskan pelaksanaan kerja-kerja operasi di seluruh negeri memandangkan agensi itu menjadi sebahagian daripada petugas barisan hadapan," tambahnya.

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Labuan sees nearly six-fold increase in Covid-19 cases

PUTRAJAYA: The Federal Territory of Labuan has emerged as a new area of concern after it registered an almost six-fold increase in new Covid-19 cases over the past 24 hours.

Announcing this yesterday, Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said that up to yesterday afternoon, Labuan saw its cases rise from 18 to 105.

He attributed the rise in cases in Labuan to more aggressive testing by the authorities on the ground. Community testing at Jalan Tenaga in Labuan, he noted, unearthed 57 more Covid-19 cases yesterday.

He said the country recorded 834 new cases yesterday, bringing the total number of Covid-19 cases in Malaysia to 33,339. From that total, 9,968 cases were those with infectivity potential.

Sabah and the Klang Valley continued to have the lion's share of new Covid-19 cases at 765,

making up 91.7 per cent of new cases in total.

He said the Health Ministry also identified five new Covid-19 clusters yesterday, with one each in Sabah, Labuan, Negri Sembilan, Sarawak and Putrajaya.

The first, named the PTS Tawau cluster, was reported at the Tawau temporary detention centre. The index case for the new cluster (case 15,423), was identified through symptomatic individual screenings on Oct 5.

"Close contact screenings unearthed another 103 cases. All of them have been admitted to the Tawau Hospital," he said.

He said the Tenaga cluster, meanwhile, involved the Batu Arang sub-zone and now had 57 patients. All the patients, he said, had been admitted to Labuan Hospital.

The Gedong cluster, meanwhile, involved 12 cases in the Seremban, Port Dickson and Rembau districts in Negri Sem-

bilan; Petaling district in Selangor; Johor Baru district in Johor and Putrajaya.

The Wisma Saberka cluster in Kuching, Sarawak, has eight cases.

The Seridana cluster, with five positive cases, was detected in Putrajaya. All patients have since been admitted to Sungai Buloh Hospital.

Meanwhile, Dr Noor Hisham urged those attending the Dewan Rakyat sitting, which resumed yesterday, to undergo Covid-19 screening.

He said so far, one auxiliary policeman, a media practitioner and a senator's assistant had tested positive.

"Contact tracing on the auxiliary policeman unearthed more cases. Three of his colleagues as well as his wife tested positive."

"The journalist's seven family members have been screened and are awaiting results. Contact tracing on the senator's assistant has also been done and are pending

results," he said.

He said it was important that all those attending the Dewan Rakyat sitting comply with the standard operating procedures (SOP) as only about 30 to 40 per cent of cases were picked up during screenings.

"The Parliament session is six weeks long, meaning they could be exposed elsewhere. We won't know who is positive or not unless we do bi-weekly testing. This is a challenge for us.

"The risk is always there, so SOP compliance is very important."

Dr Noor Hisham said precautionary measures, such as installing partitions and 1m physical distancing gaps, had been put in place in Parliament.

"We also realise that during lunch breaks, for example, there is a risk of transmission there. This is what we learned from other countries and we have seen infections spread during buffets and weddings at hotels."

Health Ministry training institute in JB placed under 2-week EMCO

KUALA LUMPUR: The Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) will be imposed on the Health Ministry Training Institute in Johor Baru, for 14 days, starting today until Nov 16.

Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the move was to curb the spread of Covid-19 after 46 individuals, out of 1,515 screened, tested positive for Covid-19.

"The National Security Council (NSC) special meeting has received an application from the Health Ministry on the need to impose EMCO on the Health Ministry Training Institute in Johor Baru.

"The move involves 1,559 individuals, namely the trainees, staff and their family members, and support staff.

"The same standard operating procedures (SOP) on EMCO at other places apply," he told a press conference yesterday.

"All movements in and out of the training centre are not allowed throughout the EMCO period, except for emergency cases."

Ismail Sabri also said the EMCO imposed on Kepayan Prison and Prison Department Quarters in Kampung Matambai, Sabah, which was scheduled to end today, would be extended until Nov 16.

The EMCO in the areas was first imposed on Oct 20.

Ismail Sabri said up to Sunday, 1,671 individuals there had tested positive. He added that 3,509 individuals were screened involving the prisoners, staff and their family members.

Ismail Sabri said the EMCO at Kampung Saguking Laut and Kampung Sebor Baru in Labuan, would end today.

He said, however, as Sabah was still under the Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), both areas would be placed under the order starting tomorrow.

Ismail Sabri also said the government had agreed to some amendments to the SOP at several localities in Sabah that were currently under the EMCO.

He said this was decided after a suggestion by the Sabah government to the NSC.

He said the change would see one representative of a family allowed to leave the EMCO area to buy necessities, with approval from the police.

Ismail Sabri said some residents were facing difficulty to buy necessities from shops, despite the permitted business operating hours of between 6am and 6pm.

"Among the difficulties include withdrawing money from banks and the unavailability of certain products at nearby shops, such as baby formula, diapers, detergent and medicines.

"Therefore, one representative



Residents of Kampung Saguking Laut and Kampung Sebor Baru queuing up to receive food baskets recently. The Enhanced Movement Control Order in these areas ends today. BERNAMA PIC

of a family will be allowed to go out to withdraw money and buy the necessities and non-food items," he said.

He said markets were also allowed to operate twice a week at EMCO areas, from 6am to 2pm.

"However, this amendment does not apply to prisons and temporary detention centres in Sabah."

On the SOP for the Deepavali celebration on Nov 14, Ismail Sabri said it would be announced this week.

"The first draft of the SOP was tabled during the NSC special

meeting last Friday by National Unity Minister Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique.

"However, the NSC is working to improve the SOP, with some input from the Health Ministry.

"I believe it will be announced within a day or two since the Deepavali festival is getting closer."

He said the NSC needed more time to look into the proposed SOP since several areas in the country had been placed under different movement control orders.

Since the onset of the Covid-19

pandemic, the government has formulated SOP for several religious celebrations, including Hari Raya.

In another development, Ismail Sabri said 538 individuals were arrested by the police on Sunday for flouting the Recovery Movement Control Order.

"From this, 531 were slapped with compounds, while seven others were remanded."

He said in Op Benteng, authorities arrested four undocumented immigrants and one skipper, other than seizing eight land vehicles and a boat.

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Selangor Sultan unhappy with indifference to SOP

SHAH ALAM: Selangor Ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has reminded local authorities and police to be more strict in monitoring adherence to the conditional movement control order (MCO).

The Alam Shah Palace said His Royal Highness was disappointed that many parties, especially operators of entertainment and food premises, were still not serious, negligent or failed to comply with the order.

It said Sultan Sharafuddin was also worried that if the public continued to be stubborn by not complying with the standard operating procedure, the Covid-19 pandemic would be difficult to overcome. On Sunday, Selangor recorded a high number of new cases at 225.

The Palace also said that Sultan Sharafuddin congratulated Hospital Sungai Buloh's head of the Department of Infectious Diseases Dr C. Suresh Kumar and head of the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Department Dr Shaiful Azman Zakaria for being recognised with the Global Health Award 2020 recently.

"His Royal Highness is proud of the excellent achievements of frontliners at Hospital Sungai Buloh in particular and also in Selangor generally for showing a high level of dedication and commitment in combating the disease.

"Sultan Sharafuddin hopes that the frontliners will continue to be patient and strong in carrying out their duties in treating Covid-19 patients," the Palace said. — Bernama

Socso ready to help airline staff

PETALING JAYA: The Social Security Organisation (Socso) is prepared to help airline workers who have lost their jobs to upskill and reskill themselves.

It said that it was committed to providing benefits to those retrenched in the local aviation industry, under the Employment Insurance System (EIS) and government incentives under the Short-Term Economic Recovery Plan (Penjana).

"The EIS, managed by Socso, provides protection to employees who have lost their jobs with income replacement through a Job Search Allowance for up to six months.

"Socso will help them get new jobs through the Re-employment Placement Programme. To improve the marketability of workers with loss of employment, Socso provides vocational skills training with the aim of strengthening their expertise and knowledge," it said.

DG: Seven found positive

Individuals were screened before Parliament sitting began

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PUTRAJAYA: Seven individuals were found to be Covid-19 positive from a screening done prior to the commencement of the Parliament sitting.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said one of them was an auxiliary policeman.

"From the contact tracing, three of his colleagues including his wife also tested positive. We have five cases.

"A person working for the media also tested positive. Seven of his family members have been tested and are waiting for their results," he said in his daily press briefing yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham also said that a senator's assistant was confirmed positive and 12 others who had contact with this person had been identified and placed under quarantine.

"They may be in the incubation period so we are not sure. That is why we have quarantined them.

"We are still waiting for their results," he said.

He noted that as Parliament would sit for six weeks, the MPs would be exposed to the virus.

"As such, to prevent the spread of the virus, we may perhaps conduct testing every two weeks to detect any carriers.

"To manage the risk, all MPs have to comply with the standard operating procedure such as maintaining physical distancing, washing hands and wearing a face mask," he said.

On another matter, Dr Noor Hisham denied allegations that Sabah was facing a shortage of per-

sonal protective equipment (PPE) and Covid-19 beds.

"I don't know where these rumours come from, about which hospital is facing a shortage. There is no mention of names, perhaps it is fake news.

"There is no shortage of PPE. What we have now can last for a minimum of 29 days, and we do have emergency procurement.

"We have been allocated with RM25mil to procure only PPE because we are thinking of the long term," he said.

Government to tweak SOP for optimum results

PETALING JAYA: The government plans to reevaluate the standard operating procedure (SOP) for the conditional movement control order (MCO) for a speedier and more effective intervention, says Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Prime Minister said he expressed his concerns on the Covid-19 situation in the country

during a special meeting of the National Security Council (NSC) held yesterday to discuss ways to control and manage the pandemic.

"We can see that in states such as Negri Sembilan, Melaka, Perak and Johor, they were green zones but turned yellow within a week or two.

"It is also the same in the dis-

tricts that have turned red in these states," he said in a Facebook post yesterday.

Muhyiddin said that the actions the government previously took had been able to control the spread of the virus.

But looking at the situation now, he said a "mitigated approach or an intervention that is quicker and

more effective" was needed.

"I have directed the NSC to reevaluate the SOP for social and sports activities so that it can be tightened again to break the chain of infection.

"If it is possible, we will tighten the SOP to make it similar to that during the (first) MCO," Muhyiddin said.

Health Ministry's training institute placed under EMCO

KUALA LUMPUR: The Health Ministry's training institute in Johor Baru will be placed under an enhanced movement control order (EMCO) starting today, says Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

The Senior Minister said the National Security Council's (MKN) special meeting made the decision following a spike in Covid-19 cases there.

"Out of the 1,515 people screened,

46 of them tested positive.

"The institute will be placed under enhanced MCO for two weeks until Nov 16," he said during his daily briefing yesterday.

There are 1,559 people at the institute, including trainees, staff and their family members.

"Food will be provided through the state government and the Welfare Department. Targeted screening will be continued at the

site," he said.

Ismail Sabri urged those involved to adhere to the standard operating procedure (SOP), including not going in and out of the premises.

On another matter, he said the enhanced MCO at Kepayan prison and the prison's quarters at Taman Mat Salleh, Kampung Matambai, would be extended until Nov 16.

Both locations were initially placed under an enhanced MCO

from Oct 20 to Nov 2.

"As of Nov 1, a total of 1,671 out of 3,509 people who were screened have tested positive.

"Based on advice from the Health Ministry, we have extended the order for two more weeks," Ismail Sabri said.

Ismail Sabri also said that the enhanced MCO for Kampung Sagukung Laut and Kampung Sabri Baru in Labuan would end today.



Malaysia and Singapore to work more closely

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia and Singapore reaffirmed their commitment to foster stronger cooperation in the fields of communications and information amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The reaffirmation was conveyed through the virtual 4th Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) on Information and Communications Cooperation between the governments of Malaysia and Singapore.

The meeting, held yesterday, was co-chaired by the secretary-general of the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Ministry, Datuk Suriani Ahmad, and the permanent secretary of the Singapore Ministry of Communications and Information, Yong Ying-I.

A joint media release said that during the half-day meeting of the JCM, which was hosted by Malaysia this year, Suriani and Yong discussed various issues of mutual interest between their countries, including digital information and communications, digital economy, cybersecurity, and professional exchanges for translators and journalists.

They also exchanged information and experiences on their respective governments' public communications and engagement efforts to deal with Covid-19.

Both Malaysia and Singapore also acknowledged the JCM to be an important platform to deepen the bilateral cooperation between the two countries, which should continue despite the difficulties presented by the pandemic. — Bernama

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No way out

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PETALING JAYA: The world may be going through a health crisis but elections must still proceed, never mind the risk to public safety.

In Malaysia, the Batu Sapi by-election is just around the corner, and the Sarawak state election has to be held by the middle of 2021.

While health experts have expressed concern over a possible resurgence in the number of new infections, as evident from the Sabah election in September, political analysts and constitutional lawyers are very clear that a postponement is not possible under the law.

For instance, they pointed out that elections were not postponed in New Zealand or the United States despite the Covid-19 pandemic.

New Zealand successfully contained the Covid-19 pandemic before holding its elections, and it emerged from the polls with no

resurgence of infections.

On the other hand, the number of cases in the United States continues to multiply on a daily basis and there are fears that the pandemic will be exacerbated by the ongoing presidential election.

Americans will go to the polls today to decide between incumbent Donald Trump and challenger Joe Biden to lead the United States for the next four years.

Malaysian Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah had recently recommended that elections be postponed to enable the country to address the surge in the number of Covid-19 cases.

Even Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had expressed

concern that another election would exacerbate the situation further.

Constitutional lawyer Kokila Vaani Vadiveloo told *theSun* that neither the Federal Constitution nor the Sarawak State Constitution allows a government to extend its term beyond the stipulated five years.

However, she said it would be prudent not to bring the election forward, given the current health conditions.

Political scientist Prof Dr Wong Chin Huat said an election should not be postponed when the date has been fixed, such as the case of the US elections.

"However, early elections can and should be avoided in parliamentary systems like ours

» Elections can only be postponed in event of no contest or declaration of emergency: Experts

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Public healthcare affordable to all

➤ Health DG, several parties refute comment by Malaysian doctor in UK that medical fees and charges here 'bankrupting patients'

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PETALING JAYA: Everyone in Malaysia, including the poor and underprivileged, has equal and adequate access to free or very low-cost healthcare.

According to several parties, this has been made possible through comprehensive healthcare coverage managed by the government.

It is therefore wrong to say that Malaysia does not have state healthcare, they said in response to a claim by a molecular immunologist

that families have been bankrupted by the excessively high cost of healthcare.

Malaysian immunologist Audrey Teh, who works at the St George's Hospital at the University of London, made the claim in an article published in the Oct 19 issue of *Nature*.

In an immediate response, Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah described her statement as "incorrect and a gross misrepresentation" of the national health system.

According to him, Malaysia has

achieved effective universal healthcare coverage since the 1990s through tax-funded public provision of healthcare services.

National Patriots Association public communications director Kapt (Rtd) Dr Wong Ang Peng said while it is unlike the British National Health Service (NHS), the Malaysian healthcare system has been effective in covering the needs of the people, including those in the B40 group.

"To say that we lack a state healthcare system and that people are going bankrupt because of high medical bills is such a sweeping statement," he told *theSun* yesterday.

He said while there were private specialist hospitals that charge high fees, the state-run general and district hospitals as well as health clinics cater to all strata of society at a very low cost to the patient.

The fee for a consultation at a

government hospital or clinic is only RM1 and for the very poor, even this can be waived.

Wong also pointed out that military personnel and veterans are also well cared for in terms of healthcare.

Malaysian Medical Association president Datuk Dr M. Subramaniam said Teh was poorly informed about the Malaysian healthcare system.

"Every Malaysian has access to healthcare because it is one of our basic rights," he said.

Some people have also posted comments on *Nature's* website to express their anger and dissatisfaction over the misrepresentation.

A person who claimed to be a doctor at the Kinta district health office in Ipoh expressed "dismay and disgust" at the claim.

"We have had nationalised and

subsidised healthcare in the same vein as the UK's NHS for decades now. I know not why the interviewee claimed this was not the case, whether she was truly ignorant or worse," he said in his post.

"I do hope that you will publish a public retraction or comment on the aforementioned statement soon," he added.

A reader named Nur Zaini said she paid less than RM30 for a normal delivery of her baby and also spent a night at the hospital.

"It was a smooth delivery process even when I was already overdue. And yes, it was a public hospital," she added.

According to the Health Ministry's website, the fee for outpatient treatment at general hospitals and clinics under the ministry is as low as RM1. The fee to see a specialist at these facilities starts from RM5.



BUSINESS AS USUAL ... Contributors visiting the EPF office at Jalan Raja Laut in Kuala Lumpur yesterday when the counters reopened after a brief closure for sanitisation works last week. - ADIB RAWI YAHYA/THE SUN

Have more programmes for women, says exco

GEORGE TOWN: The Women, Family and Community Development Ministry should hold more programmes highlighting women development and empowerment, said Penang state executive councillor Chong Eng.

This would create more awareness on the problem of gender bias and domestic violence and generate greater support for the victims of such cases, said Chong Eng, who heads the Social Development and Non-Islamic Religious Affairs Committee.

"These issues are still not known to some communities, so many people do not know how to reach out for support and do not approach the police to lodge reports," she told a press conference yesterday.

She said the state government's "Penang Safe Family Policy" provides an avenue for the setting up of first-support points at counters of all government agencies, Bernama reported.

"It does not need a big budget as all we need is to train existing staff and use existing counters," she said, adding that the federal government could carry out such initiatives as volunteers and non-governmental organisations have done similar programmes to aid victims of domestic violence.

Earlier, Chong Eng announced the approval of a proposal to have a minimum of 30% women representatives in local councils and on boards of government-linked companies.

'Not ready yet for large-scale polls'

by keeping the parliament or legislature until the end of its term," he said.

Wong pointed out that an election can only be stopped by an emergency proclamation.

But an election can also be avoided if there is no contest.

"If there is a walkover in Batu Sapi, we can avoid all the campaigning and polling exercises," he said.

There have been calls for other parties not to contest in Batu Sapi to enable Parti Warisan Sabah to retain the seat unopposed.

Wong noted that the current surge in the number of new Covid cases is the direct result of the nomination, intense campaigning and

polling during the Sabah election.

Epidemiologist Datuk Dr Awang Bulgiba Awang Mahmud said Malaysia is not ready yet for a large-scale election.

"One lesson out of Sabah is that the indifference to standard operating procedures, coupled with the mass movement of people provided fertile ground for the virus to spread," he said.

To address the problem, he said the authorities need to be more innovative and persistent in efforts to educate the people on the risks and safety measures.

"It is best that the elections not be held until such issues are resolved, or when a vaccine is available," he added.

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Institute in Johor Baru placed under EMCO

► Order affects 1,559 people, says Ismail Sabri

PETALING JAYA: An enhanced movement control order (EMCO) will be implemented at Institut Latihan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia Johor Baru from today to Nov 17.

"It will involve a total of 1,559 people including trainees, staff, family members of staff and support workers," Senior Minister (Defence) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said in a media statement yesterday.

The government has decided to end the EMCO at Kampung Saguking Laut and Kampung Sebor Laut in Labuan today, as per

schedule. However, the two localities are still subjected to the conditional movement control order (CMCO) that is currently in force, he added.

He said there has been an amendment to the EMCO standard operating procedures in some localities in Sabah. A representative from each house is now allowed to go out with police permission specifically to withdraw money from ATM machines and buy basic necessities and non-food items.

"However, this amendment does not apply to the prisons and temporary detention centres in Sabah."

Meanwhile, he said a total of 538 individuals were arrested yesterday for violating the recovery movement control order. "A total of seven individuals were remanded while the

remaining were issued compounds."

The offences committed were not wearing face masks (136), ignoring social distancing (82), failing to provide equipment for contact tracing registration (80), violating operating hours (17), visiting entertainment centres (78) and other offences (145).

Ismail Sabri said 2,721 teams under the compliance task force conducted checks at 20,714 premises, including supermarkets, restaurants, markets, places of worship and leisure areas.

He said Ops Benteng involving the Armed Forces, police, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, and the Malaysian Border Security Agency arrested four illegal immigrants and a boat skipper yesterday. Eight vehicles and a boat were also confiscated.

Sabah, Klang Valley continue to record highest number of cases

PETALING JAYA: Sabah and Klang Valley continued to record the highest numbers of Covid-19 cases in the country. There were a total of 834 cases detected nationwide yesterday.

Sabah reported 503 cases while 157 were detected in Selangor, Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur.

The other cases were in Labuan (105), Penang (21), Negri Sembilan (16), Sarawak (14), Johor (eight), Kedah and Perak (three each), Kelantan (two) and Pahang (one).

Of yesterday's cases, three were imported transmissions. They were a Malaysian and two foreigners travelling from India, Indonesia and the United States," Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said in an online media conference.

The total number of cases to date stands at 33,339, with 9,968 active ones.

There were 900 recoveries, taking the total number of recoveries to 23,120.

Noor Hisham said 91 patients are in intensive care units, with 32 requiring respiratory assistance.

Two deaths were reported in Sabah, involving a local woman aged 75 who had diabetes and high blood pressure and a local man with osteoarthritis, aged 68.

This takes the death toll to 251, which is 0.8% of total cases.

Meanwhile, five new clusters have been reported - the PTS Tawau in Sabah, Tenaga in Labuan, Saberkas in Sarawak, Seridana in Putrajaya and Gedong which involves Putrajaya, Selangor, Johor and Negri Sembilan.

Noor Hisham said the Sungai cluster involving Kedah and Perlis had come to an end. This cluster, which involved 25,406 individuals, recorded 101 positive cases and one death.

MMEA enhances surveillance in Labuan

LABUAN: The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) in the Labuan Maritime Zone has tightened enforcement along the island's coastal areas during the conditional movement control order (CMCO) period from Oct 21 to Nov 13 to prevent entry of illegal migrants.

Labuan MMEA director Comm Nor Bakari Abu Bakar said the increased enforcement was also to help local authorities prevent the spread of Covid-19.

"We will continue beefing up patrols and surveillance in the water squatter settlements of Saguking Laut and Sebor Baru, which have been placed under an enhanced movement control order."

Nor Bakari said the agency has mobilised assets to help in the monitoring and enforcement at the two settlements, including the installation of barbed wire around illegal entry and exit points.

He added that 32 inspections had been conducted on 29 passenger speed boats plying between Labuan and Menumbok, two tugboats and a fishing boat since the start of the CMCO on Sept 21 until yesterday.

"Surveillance around the Labuan International Ferry Terminal has also been tightened to monitor the entry of passengers from Menumbok, Sabah. - Bernama

Sultan wants strict CMCO compliance

SHAH ALAM: The Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has reminded local authorities and police in the state to be more strict in monitoring adherence to the conditional movement control order (CMCO).

A statement issued yesterday said that the Sultan was disappointed that many parties, especially operators of entertainment and food premises, were still negligent or failed to comply with the CMCO.

According to the statement, Sultan Sharafuddin was worried that if the public continued to be stubborn by not complying with CMCO standard operating procedures, it would be difficult to curb the spread of Covid-19.

The statement added that the Sultan congratulated Sungai Buloh Hospital head of the Department of Infectious Diseases Dr C. Suresh Kumar and head of the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Department Dr Shaiful Azman Zakaria for being conferred the Global Health Award 2020 recently.

The Sultan said he is proud of the excellent achievements of the frontliners at Sungai Buloh Hospital, in particular for showing a high level of dedication and commitment. - Bernama



CUSTOMER SERVICE ... Pump attendant Fatin Nadia Zamri sanitising a pump nozzle at a petrol kiosk in Bukit Mertajam, Penang yesterday. - MASRY CHE ANI/THE SUN