

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN AHAD

MUKA SURAT : 14

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penularan COVID-19

1,029 kes sembuh tertinggi

Jangkitan baharu kekal 4 angka lima hari berturut-turut

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Putrajaya: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) merekodkan sebanyak 1,029 bilangan kes sembuh COVID-19 semalam, iaitu paling tinggi pernah direkodkan setakat ini.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata ini menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya ialah 27,409 kes atau 69.6 peratus daripada angka keseluruhan kes.

"Pecahan kes sembuh mengikut negeri adalah Sabah dengan 780 kes; Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (83 kes); Negeri Sembilan (50 kes); Selangor (41 kes) dan Pulau Pinang (30 kes).

"Sebanyak 10 kes sembuh direkodkan di Perak dan Sabah, manakala enam kes di Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya, Johor serta Terengganu.

"Sarawak lima kes sembuh dan Pahang (dua kes)," katanya pada sidang media harian, di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata, jumlah kes positif COVID-19 terus mencatatkan empat angka bagi lima hari berturut-turut apabila 1,168 kes baharu direkodkan semalam.

Katanya, ia menjadikan jumlah kes positif COVID-19 di Malaysia sebanyak 39,357 kes setakat jam 12 tengah hari semalam.

"Jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehjangkitan COVID-19 adalah 11,666 kes. Tiada kes import mendapat jangkitan dari luar negara.

"Sabah mencatatkan 616 kes atau 52.7 peratus daripada keseluruhan kes positif semalam.

"Negeri di Lembah Klang pula mencatatkan 275 kes atau 23.5 peratus dan Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan mencatatkan 104 kes positif (8.9 peratus) semalam," katanya.

Beliau berkata, Sabah, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya dan Labuan masih berada dalam Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) menyumbang sebanyak 995 kes (85.2 peratus) daripada keseluruhan kes positif



Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

COVID-19, semalam.

Sehingga kini, terdapat 87 kes positif COVID-19 yang sedang dirawat di Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) dengan 32 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

"Tiga kes kematian akibat COVID-19 turut dilaporkan semalam dengan semua dari Sabah menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes kematian COVID-19 di Malaysia adalah sebanyak 282 kes atau 0.7 peratus daripada keseluruhan kes.

"Semua tiga kematian itu dilaporkan di Hospital Queen Elizabeth dengan kes kematian ke 280 hingga 282 membabitkan wanita berusia 51 tahun dan 62 tahun serta lelaki berusia 55 tahun," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata,

empat kluster baharu dilaporkan semalam, di lima negeri membabitkan Sabah, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya dan Sarawak.

ia adalah Kluster Softwood LD, Kluster Teratai, Kluster Tapak Bina Damanlela dan Kluster Mahkota.

Kluster Softwood LD membabitkan daerah Lahad Datu di Sabah dengan 14 kes sudah dikesan positif COVID-19 termasuk 11 kes baharu.

Kluster Teratai membabitkan daerah Klang, Kuala Selangor, Petaling dan Hulu Langat di Selangor dengan 74 kes positif setakat ini dengan 58 kes baharu.

"Kluster Tapak Bina Damanlela pula membabitkan daerah Lembah Pantai, Kepong, dan Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur dengan 15 kes dikesan positif COVID-19 (13 kes baharu).

"Kluster Mahkota membabitkan daerah Hulu Langat di Selangor; Kepong dan Titiwangsa di Kuala Lumpur; Sibit di Sarawak; dan Putrajaya dengan sembilan kes dikesan positif setakat ini termasuk satu kes baharu," katanya.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, Kluster Bah Puchong membabitkan kes di Kuala Lumpur, Selangor dan Perak diisytihar tamat semalam.



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Kerajaan buat tempahan awal vaksin

Seremban: Kerajaan akan membuat tempahan awal vaksin COVID-19 menerusi peruntukan RM3 billion yang diumumkan dalam Belanjawan 2021, semalam.

Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi (MOSTI), Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar, berkata vaksin berkenaan yang

dibangunkan di luar negara dijangka diperolehi pada tiga bulan pertama tahun depan.

Katanya, vaksin itu perlu diluluskan oleh Kementerian Kesihatan sebelum tempahan dilakukan.

"Saya ialah Pengerusi

Bersama Jawatankuasa Jaminan Akses Vaksin COVID-19 dan kita akan buat tempahan awal terhadap vaksin yang sedang dibangunkan.

"Saya jangka dalam tempoh sebulan dua ini, kita akan dapat maklumat mengenai

keberkesanan vaksin berkenaan.

"Apabila Kementerian Kesihatan berpuas hati dengan data dan maklumat itu, barulah kita boleh buat pembelian pertama," katanya selepas melawat lokasi terjejas banjir di Kampung Kuala Sawah Rantau, dekat sini, semalam.



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AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN AHAD

MUKA SURAT : 16

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Pertingkatkan kesedaran kesan awal kanser mulut

Kaedah saringan bantu tingkat kadar survival melalui rawatan

Kuala Lumpur: Kesedaran mengenai pentingnya pemeriksaan dan pengesanan awal kanser mulut perlu ditingkatkan susulan 60 peratus kes kanser ini di Malaysia lewat dikesan, iaitu pada tahap tiga dan empat.

Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba, berkata berdasarkan kajian dilakukan dalam kalangan pesakit kanser mulut di negara ini mendapati kadar kelangsungan hidup lima tahun hanya 30 peratus bagi pesakit yang

lewat didiagnos berbanding 64 peratus disaring pada peringkat awal.

Katanya, kualiti hidup pesakit juga terjejas kerana penyakit ini memberi kesan fizikal dan psikososial yang teruk kepada pesakit serta penjaga mereka.

"Walaupun kanser mulut tidak tersenarai dalam *Top 10 Most Common Cancer in Malaysia*, menurut data National Cancer Registry 2012-2016, kanser ini dilaporkan sebagai kanser keenam



Dr Adham pada majlis sambutan Minggu Kesedaran Kanser Mulut 2020 di Putrajaya, semalam.

berlaku dalam kalangan rakyat dan seseorang boleh mencegahnya sebelum parah.

"Kajian itu menunjukkan pengesanan awal kanser melalui kaedah saringan mampu meningkatkan kadar survival supaya rawatan dapat diberikan pada peringkat awal.

"Kanser mulut boleh dicegah, mudah dikesan dan boleh dirawat jika dikesan tahap awal," katanya

ketika berucap merasmikan Minggu Kesedaran Kanser Mulut 2020 secara maya, semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Naib Canselor Universiti Malaya, Datuk Dr Mohd Hamdi Abdul Shukor.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, secara purata terdapat dua kes kanser mulut didiagnos setiap hari.

Justeru, Dr Adham menyeru masyarakat prihatin dan menga-

mbil cakna kanser mulut dengan mendapatkan saringan awal serta mengelak faktor risiko menyumbang kepada penyakit berkenaan.

Katanya, usaha dan inisiatif untuk membantu serta menyokong pesakit yang melawan kanser itu harus dipertingkatkan agar mereka serta keluarga dapat menikmati kehidupan lebih sejahtera.

BERNAMA

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN AHAD

MUKA SURAT : 19

RUANGAN : JAGA SUNGAI KITA

Program Jom Nak Sihat di Bagan Serai capai sasaran

Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) sentiasa menyeru dan menasihatkan masyarakat, mengamalkan cara hidup sihat kerana individu sihat berperanan efektif dalam pembangunan masyarakat serta negara.

Seiring dengan saranan itu, Bahagian Pendidikan Kesihatan, KKM dengan kerjasama Pejabat Parlimen Bagan Serai, Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan 1, Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali dan Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Perak menganjurkan Program Jom Nak Sihat yang julung kali dilaksanakan di Bagan Serai.

Intervensi pengurusan berat badan menggunakan modul IFITeR atau I Fit and Eat Right dilaksanakan di semua Wellness Hub di seluruh Malaysia yang beroperasi di bawah KKM.

Pengarah Bahagian Pendidikan Kesihatan, Suraiya Syed Mohamed, berkata program bukan hanya menekankan masalah berlebihan berat badan, malah menekankan amalan cara hidup sihat sepanjang hayat.

"Menerusi program ini, agen dalam komuniti diwujudkan untuk mempromosikan amalan cara hidup sihat dalam kalangan masyarakat," katanya.

Intervensi program ini diadakan selama enam bulan dan disertai 105 peserta daripada pelbagai bangsa, umur dan jantina.

"Peserta dibahagikan kepada tiga zon berdasarkan tempat tinggal mereka, iaitu zon Bagan Serai 1,



Suraiya Syed Mohamed

zonal Bagan Serai 2 dan zon Semangol," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pasukan IFITeR melaksanakan intervensi ini berpandukan modul merangkumi tujuh komponen iaitu garis panduan pelaksanaan, saringan kesihatan dan ujian kecergasan, modifikasi tingkah laku, pelan latihan senaman, pelan pemakanan, Mylogbook serta Mytools.

Katanya, walaupun pandemik COVID-19 mengganggu perjalanan program secara bersemuka, peserta masih menunjukkan pencapaian memberangsangkan.

"Sebanyak 93 peratus daripada peserta kekal dalam intervensi dan menunjukkan pembabitian aktif sepanjang intervensi, manakala 60 peratus peserta kekal hingga ke akhir intervensi serta dapat meningkatkan tahap kecergasan," katanya.

Selain itu, 55 peratus berjaya menurunkan sebanyak sepuluh peratus berat badan dan penurunan paling tinggi dicatatkan



Dr Noor Azmi (tengah) bersama pemenang Program Jom Nak Sihat di Bagan Serai, baru-baru ini.

adalah 14 peratus bersamaan 17.70 kilogram (kg) daripada berat badan asal peserta itu.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Azmi berkata, keputusan intervensi dan pencapaian peserta Jom Nak Sihat menunjukkan, kejayaan program ini mencapai objektif disasarkan.

"Menurut Tinjauan Kebangsaan Kesihatan dan Morbiditi (NHMS) 2019, di Malaysia, satu daripada dua dewasa adalah berlebihan berat badan atau obes, manakala satu daripada empat dewasa adalah tidak aktif melakukan aktiviti fizikal, iaitu sekurang-kurangnya 150 minit dalam seminggu.

Antara peserta berjaya ialah Anandarajan A/L Subramaniam, 47, yang menyertai program ini bagi menurunkan berat badannya iaitu 101.4kg dan indeks jisim tubuh (BMI) 32.7, dikategorikan sebagai obesiti tahap satu.

Beliau yang bertugas sebagai guru di Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Selingsing, Perak, menyertai program ini selepas berjaya melepasi ujian saringan kesihatan.

"Berat badan berlebihan, membuatkan saya sukar melakukan aktiviti harian dan juga boleh terdedah kepada risiko penyakit metabolik seperti sakit jantung, darah tinggi serta kencing manis.

"Saya bertekad untuk mengelakkan sebarang risiko penyakit dengan menyertai program ini," katanya yang menghadiri sesi latihan pada setiap hari.

Walaupun sesi latihan agak berat untuk dirinya, Anand tetap menunjukkan komitmen dan semangat tinggi serta melakukan setiap jenis latihan dengan teknik yang betul.

Katanya, selepas tiga bulan mengikuti program itu berat badannya berjaya diturunkan sebanyak 9.5kg dan berat terkini ialah 91.9kg, manakala BMI menurun kepada 29.7 yang dikategorikan hanya sebagai berlebihan berat badan.

AKHBAR : KOSMO AHAD

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NEGARA

Jumlah kes harian 1,168 dicatatkan semalam dengan tiga kematian 1,025 sembuh, tertinggi direkodkan

Oleh SITI A'ISYAH SUKAIMI

PUTRAJAYA – Sebanyak 1,025 kes sembuh dilaporkan semalam sekali gus angka tertinggi sejak pandemik Covid-19 melanda negara menjadikan jumlah kes pulih sepenuhnya daripada wabak tersebut sebanyak 27,409 kes.

Jumlah kes harian pula masih pada paras empat digit dengan 1,168 kes dilaporkan membabitkan penularan tempatan menjadikan jumlah kes positif sebanyak 39,357 kes.

Angka kematian turut meningkat kepada 282 kes berikutan terdapat tiga pertambahan kes semalam di Hospital Queen Elizabeth, Sabah melibatkan dua wanita dan seorang lelaki berusia 51, 55 dan 62 tahun.

Sebanyak 616 kes atau 52.7 peratus dicatatkan di Sabah manakala, sebanyak 275 kes atau 23.5 peratus melibatkan negeri-negeri di Lembah Klang dan Labuan pula merekodkan 104 kes atau 8.9 peratus.

Kluster penjara dan Pusat Tahanan Sementara (PTS) menyumbang 229 kes atau 19.6 peratus iaitu Kluster PTS Tawau (121 kes), Kluster Penjara Sandakan (91 kes), Kluster Penjara Keparan (lapan kes), Kluster Tembok (enam kes) dan Kluster Penjara Seberang Perai (tiga kes).



ANGGOTA Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) menjalankan kerja-kerja sanitasi di sekitar Kawasan Komersial Taman Shamelin, Taman Pudu Ulu dalam Operasi Sanitasi Awam Covid-19 di Kuala Lumpur semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, terdapat empat kluster baharu dan satu daripadanya Kluster Softwood LD di Lahad Datu, Sabah yang merekodkan 14 kes dengan kes indeks saringan bergejala lelaki berusia 28 tahun.

Menurutnya, Kluster Teratai melibatkan daerah Klang, Kuala Selangor, Petaling dan Hulu Langat melaporkan 74 kes positif dengan kes indeks lelaki berusia 22 tahun.

"Kluster Tapak Bina Damanlela di Lembah Pantai, Kepong dan Titiwangsa dengan kes in-

deks lelaki berusia 43 tahun hasil saringan tahanan.

"Bagi Kluster Mahkota melibatkan Hulu Langat, Selangor; Kepong dan Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur; Sibul, Sarawak dan Putrajaya iaitu sembilan kes positif dengan kes indeks hasil saringan kontak rapat telah dimasukkan ke Hospital Sungai Buloh," katanya pada sidang akhbar di sini semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Noor Hisham berkata, satu lagi kluster ditamatkan semalam iaitu Kluster Bah Puchong menjadikan sebanyak 123 kluster ditamatkan sehingga kini.

Ditanya sama ada pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) di Semenanjung Malaysia kecuali Perlis, Pahang dan Kelantan berikutan kegagalan PKPB di Lembah Klang, beliau menafikan perkara tersebut.

"Saya tidak melihat ia suatu kegagalan kerana jika dilihat dari permulaan gelombang ketiga, kebolehhajngkitan kita adalah 2.2 tetapi dalam tempoh dua minggu, ia boleh dikurangkan sehingga kepada 1.

"Semalam (kelmarin) ada lonjakan kes, malah kita ada lonjakan pada 24 dan 26 Oktober kerana kita menjalankan saringan di penjara iaitu di PTS Tawau dan penjara di Sandakan serta Seberang Perai," ujarnya.

Angka Terkini Kes Covid-19 Di Malaysia sehingga semalam

	Jumlah
• Kes baharu	1,168
Import: 0 Tempat: 1,168	
• Pulih	10,259
• Kematian	3
• Masih dirawat	11,666
• Jumlah kes sembuh	27,409
• Jumlah Kematian	282
Jumlah kes keseluruhan	39,357

Vaksin Covid-19 generasi pertama tidak sesuai untuk kanak-kanak

PETALING JAYA – Vaksin Covid-19 generasi pertama yang bakal dikeluarkan oleh syarikat farmasi tidak sesuai penggunaannya untuk golongan kanak-kanak.

Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar berkata, ia disebabkan vaksin yang sedang dibangunkan ketika ini sebahagian besarnya diuji ke atas golongan dewasa.

"Pfizer (syarikat gergasi farmasi Amerika Syarikat) baru memulakan ujian ke atas kanak-kanak bulan lepas. Oleh itu jangan terlalu berharap kanak-kanak boleh menggunakan vaksin Covid-19," katanya menerusi Twitter miliknya semalam.

Terdahulu, Khairy Jamaluddin berkata, beberapa syarikat yang sedang membangunkan

vaksin Covid-19 di seluruh dunia telah memasuki ujian klinik fasa ketiga.

Menurutnya, ia melibatkan ujian ke atas manusia yang kebiasaannya mengambil masa beberapa tahun, tetapi untuk Covid-19 ia dilakukan dalam tempoh setahun disebabkan keperluan yang mendesak.

Selain itu, katanya, Jawatankuasa Khas Jaminan Akses Bekalan Vaksin Covid-19 yang dipengerusikan beliau akan mengumumkan rancangan imunisasi nasional untuk vaksinasi wabak itu awal tahun depan.

Jelasnya, ia termasuk komunikasi yang jelas tentang keselamatan dan keberkesanan vaksin itu memandangkan sebilangan rakyat antivaksin.

"Jabatan Kemajuan Islam



WAKSIN Covid-19 generasi pertama yang dibangunkan ketika ini sebahagian besarnya diuji ke atas golongan dewasa. – GAMBAR HIASAN

Malaysia (Jakim) juga akan turut serta kerana sebilangan antivaksin akan membangkitkan tentang perkara halal untuk menyekat orang ramai mengambil

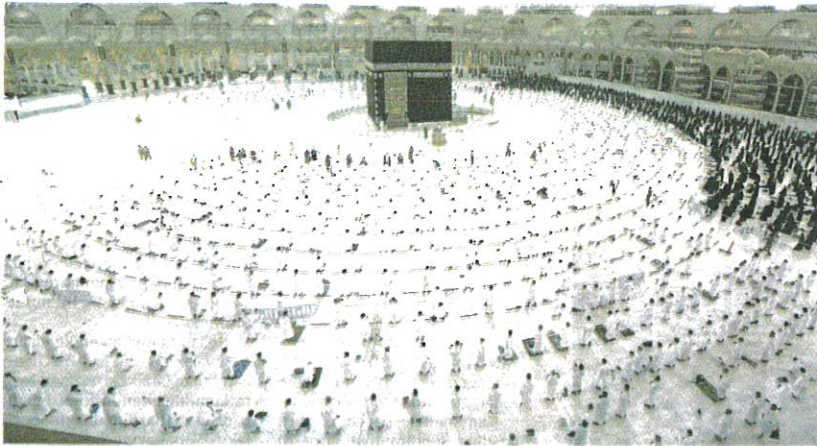
vaksin.

"Kita akan memastikan Jakim berpuas hati vaksin yang kita dapat adalah halal toyyiban," katanya.

AKHBAR : KOSMO AHAD

MUKA SURAT : 36

RUANGAN : DUNIA



UMAT Islam mengerjakan solat sambil mematuhi penjarakan fizikal di Mekah pada 1 November lalu. - AFP

Tiga jemaah umrah Indonesia disahkan positif Covid-19

Berita Seberang

JAKARTA - Tiga jemaah umrah Indonesia disahkan positif Covid-19 selepas menjalani ujian swab di sebuah hotel di Mekah, menurut Persatuan Pengurusan Haji dan Umrah Indonesia (Amphuri).

"Keputusan ujian sarangan Covid-19 jemaah lain ialah negatif kecuali mereka bertiga itu," lapor portal Kompas yang memetik Ketua Bahagian Umrah Amphuri, Zaky Anshary sebagai berkata pada Khamis lalu.

Jemaah positif virus itu sudah diarahkan menjalani proses kuarantin selama tujuh hari selari dengan polisi Kementerian

Kesihatan Arab Saudi bagi jemaah yang dijangkiti wabak koronavirus.

Jemaah Indonesia lain yang memperoleh keputusan negatif ujian swab dibenarkan untuk meneruskan umrah.

Laporan dari Amphuri mendapati seramai 224 jemaah umrah dari Indonesia berlepas ke Mekah dan berniat melakukan umrah atau miqat pada Rabu lalu.

Kesemua jemaah sudah menjalani ujian swab koronavirus sehari sebelum berlepas, dilakukan oleh pegawai kesihatan di hotel sekitar pukul 6 petang (waktu tempatan).

Menurut Zaky, semua peserta program umrah Indonesia diwajibkan untuk mengisi borang

akuan kesihatan.

Pada minggu lalu, kerajaan Arab Saudi mengumumkan pembukaan semula Kota Mekah bermula 1 November 2020 bagi umat Islam untuk menunaikan umrah.

Riyadh melonggarkan perintah berkurung selepas menutup sempadan dan ketibaan jemaah asing sejak Mac lalu disebabkan wabak koronavirus.

Berikutan keputusan Arab Saudi, ratusan jemaah Indonesia berlepas untuk menunaikan umrah sejak Ahad minggu lalu.

Zaky berkata, kerajaan Arab Saudi hanya membenarkan jemaah dari Indonesia dan Pakistan memasuki negara itu buat sementara waktu. - AGENSI

AS catat 127,000 kes Covid-19 sehari

WASHINGTON - Amerika Syarikat (AS) mencatat kes harian jangkitan Covid-19 tertinggi dalam tempoh tiga hari berturut-turut iaitu melepasi angka 127,000 kes kelmarin, menurut perangkaan Universiti Johns Hopkins.

Jumlah kematian sehingga pukul 8.30 malam (waktu tempatan) kelmarin, iaitu dalam tempoh 24 jam lalu, adalah sebanyak 1,149 kes, menurut universiti berkenaan.

Penularan virus merebak pantas di seluruh AS sejak beberapa minggu lalu dengan lokasi paling teruk terjejas ialah di wilayah tengah negara berkenaan.

Ada kes baharu direkodkan yang hampir menyamai jumlah semasa musim bunga pada Mac lalu di negeri selatan, timur laut dan barat di AS.

Jumlah kematian masih direkodkan rendah berbanding pada musim bunga lalu.

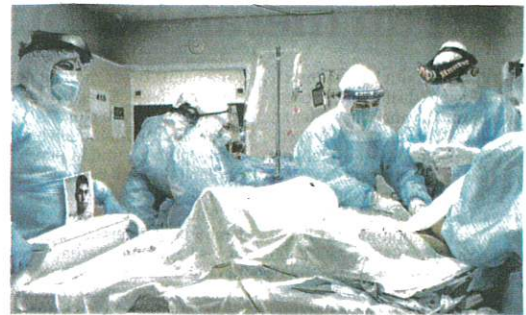
Kelmarin adalah hari keempat secara berturut-turut kadar mangsa AS terkorban mencecah lebih 1,000 orang.

Bulan September merupakan kali terakhir AS menyaksikan kematian akibat koronavirus mencecah angka empat digit.

Petang kelmarin, AS kekal sebagai negara paling teruk terjejas di dunia akibat pandemik koronavirus dengan lebih 236,000 kematian dan 9.7 juta kes jangkitan.

Kes Covid-19 dijangka terus meningkat berikutan musim sejuk yang akan tiba tidak lama lagi. Ini disebabkan orang ramai akan lebih cenderung bersosial di dalam rumah sekali gus menggalakkan penyebaran virus dalam ruang tertutup.

Cuaca sejuk dan kering turut dipercayai memainkan peranan dalam mewujudkan keadaan terbaik bagi penyebaran virus korona. - AFP



STAF perubatan merawat pesakit Covid-19 di Unit Rawatan Rapi, Pusat Perubatan United Memorial pada 31 Oktober lalu. - AFP

AKHBAR : MINGGUAN MALAYSIA

MUKA SURAT : 8

RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI

Covid-19: Kes sembuh tertinggi

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PUTRAJAYA: Negara masih lagi merekodkan kes positif empat angka bagi hari kelima berturut-turut untuk minggu ini iaitu 1,168 kes dengan tiga kematian selain pertambahan empat kluster baharu.

Bagaimanapun kes sembuh mencatatkan jumlah tertinggi iaitu sebanyak 1,029 kes menjadikan jumlah kumulatif kes sebanyak 27,409 kes.

Selain itu, 87 kes positif sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dengan 32 kes memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, ini menjadikan jumlah kes positif di negara ini sebanyak 39,357 kes manakala jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehhajngkitan pula 11,666 kes.

Beliau berkata, Sabah masih merekodkan negeri tertinggi kes dengan mencatatkan sebanyak 616 kes daripada keseluruhan kes positif.

“Diikuti Selangor yang merekodkan 247 kes, Labuan (104), Negeri Sembilan (68), Perak (37), Kuala Lumpur (28), Sarawak (25), Pulau Pinang (18), Kedah (15), Johor (5), Terengganu (3) dan Melaka (2).

Mengulas mengenai empat kluster baharu, Noor Hisham



PENIAGA kedai tudung duduk berehat sementara menunggu pelanggan ketika premis perniagaan dibuka semasa Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) dilaksanakan di Jalan Masjid India, Kuala Lumpur semalam. - MINGGUAN/AMIR KHALID

berkata, ini membabitkan kes di Sabah, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Sarawak dan Putrajaya.

Katanya, Kluster Softwood LD di Lahad Datu, Sabah merekodkan 14 kes positif dan Klus-

ter Teratai di Klang, Selangor, 74 kes.

“Bagi kluster ketiga iaitu Kluster Tapak Bina Damanlela di Lembah Pantai, Kepong, Titiwangsa di Kuala Lumpur, seba-

nyak 15 kes positif dikesan.

“Kluster keempat, Kluster Mahkota di Hulu Langat, Selangor; Kepong dan Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur; Sibul, Sarawak dan Putrajaya membabitkan

sembilan kes positif,” katanya. Sementara itu beliau berkata, Kluster Bah Puchong yang membabitkan Kuala Lumpur, Selangor dan Perak diisytiharkan tamat.

AKHBAR : SINAR AHAD

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

Kerajaan perlu ambil pendekatan lebih tegas

Berikutan situasi semasa kes baharu Covid-19 di seluruh negara yang dalam trend meningkat

Oleh MOHD RIDZUAN ABU HASSAN

SHAH ALAM

Beberapa pendekatan yang lebih tegas perlu diambil berikutan situasi kes baharu jangkitan koronavirus (Covid-19) di seluruh negara yang masih dalam trend meningkat.

Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin berkata, sidang khas Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) semalam mengambil keputusan sedemikian sebagai tindakan memperketatkan lagi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) serta mem-

bendung penularan Covid-19 di negara ini.

Menurutnya, hakikatnya peningkatan bilangan kes baharu mpendatangkan kebimbangan dan keresahan dalam kalangan rakyat serta tidak boleh lagi terus kekal di dalam situasi Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Pemulihan (PKPP).

"Data-data yang dibentangkan pada setiap hari dalam sidang khas ini sudah cukup untuk menunjukkan bahawa pendekatan yang lebih tegas dan berani mesti diambil sebelum keadaan menjadi lebih parah," katanya dalam hantaran di Facebook beliau di sini semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian berhubung tindakan kerajaan memutuskan untuk melaksanakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) di semua negeri di seluruh negara kecuali di Perlis, Ke-



MUHYIDDIN

lantan, Pahang dan Sarawak.

Sementara itu, Muhyiddin berkata, kerajaan Sarawak membuat permohonan untuk menambah bilangan katil di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dan meningkatkan kapasiti makmal ujian saringan pengesanan Covid-19 di tujuh hospital kerajaan di negeri itu.

Katanya, beliau telah meminta kerajaan Sarawak mengadakan perbincangan lanjut bersama Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) bagi meneliti keperluan tersebut untuk diberikan pertimbangan sewajarnya.

"Insya-ALLAH semoga pendekatan-pendekatan yang diputuskan ini akan dapat membantu menurunkan kes-kes baharu jangkitan Covid-19 kepada tahap yang paling rendah bagi menjamin keselamatan dan kelangsungan hidup rakyat," katanya.

PKPB di Kuching selama 14 hari

KUCHING - Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) akan dilaksanakan di Kuching, Sarawak selama 14 hari bermula 9 November ini, kata Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pengurusan Bencana Negeri (JPBN) Sarawak, Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas di sini semalam.

Uggah yang juga Timbalan



UGGAH

Ketua Menteri I Sarawak berkata, keputusan itu diambil selepas menilai situasi dengan mengambil kira kes jangkitan tempatan terkumpul yang direkodkan di daerah tersebut iaitu sebanyak 151 kes dalam tempoh 14 hari lepas.

"Pergerakan rentas daerah dalam negeri dibenarkan kecuali keluar dan masuk ke daerah Kuching. Prosedur operasi standard (SOP) akan dikeluarkan esok (hari ini).

"Pergerakan rentas negeri dari Semenanjung, Sabah dan Labuan tidak dibenarkan kecuali dengan kebenaran daripada Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM)," katanya pada sidang akhbar harian Covid-19 di sini semalam.

- Bernama

Sangkal tanggapan PKPB gagal kawal Covid-19

PUTRAJAYA - Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah menyangkal dakwaan pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) gagal mengengkang penularan Covid-19.

Katanya, kaedah itu berjaya menurunkan kadar nilai kebolehhajkitan (Rt) atau R-naught (R0) daripada 2.2 pada permulaan gelombang ketiga Covid-19 kepada 1 ketika ini.

"Kalau kita lihat daripada permulaan gelombang ketiga dan dalam tempoh dua minggu (PKPB dilaksanakan), langkah itu berjaya kurangkan kadar kebolehhajkitan," katanya pada sidang akhbar di Kementerian Kesihatan di sini semalam.

Katanya, kaedah PKPB ketika ini bagi mengimbangi sektor kesihatan dan ekonomi, namun pada masa sama kerajaan perlu memperketatkan lagi sektor sosial termasuk kawalan rentas sempadan negeri dan daerah. - Bernama

Pemimpin negeri minta rakyat terus patuhi SOP

ALOR SETAR - Menteri Besar Kedah, Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor merayu rakyat negeri itu supaya terus mematuhi prosedur operasi standard (SOP) yang ditetapkan bagi menangani pandemik koronavirus (Covid-19).

Selain itu, beliau turut mengingatkan rakyat negeri itu supaya mengelakkan diri daripada berada di tempat-tempat berisiko sepanjang pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Bersyarat (PKPB) yang dikuatkuasakan selama empat minggu bermula esok sehingga 6 Disember depan.

"Kerajaan Kedah ambil maklum langkah pelaksanaan PKPB sebagaimana diumumkan Menteri Kanan (Keselamatan), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

"Malah peningkatan semula kes positif Covid-19 kepada dua digit di negeri ini sejak semalam (kelmarin)



MUHAMMAD SANUSI



AHMAD SAMSURI

akan dikemas kini dari masa ke masa.

"Justeru, rakyat dinasihatkan untuk terus mematuhi arahan dan sentiasa mengikuti perkembangan terkini daripada kerajaan negeri dan MKN," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Ketua Menteri Pulau Pinang, Chow Kon Yeow meminta rakyat di negeri itu menerima pelaksanaan PKPB.

Menurutnya, rakyat diminta bertenang berikutan PKPB tidak begitu ketat berbanding Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) yang dilaksanakan pada Mac lalu.

"Keputusan telah dibuat berdasarkan fakta. Pulau Pinang perlu menerima hakikat bahawa situasi semasa ini memang memerlukan pelaksanaan PKPB.

"Bagaimanapun, PKPB tidak begitu ketat berbanding PKP," katanya.

juga turut membimbangkan kita," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

Sementara itu, Menteri Besar Terengganu, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar turut meminta rakyat di negeri itu mematuhi SOP yang digariskan sepanjang tempoh penguatkuasaan PKPB.

Menurutnya, garis panduan atau SOP adalah mengikut arahan sedia ada Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) dan akan dikemas kini berdasarkan situasi semasa.

"Penguatkuasaan ini berdasarkan arahan MKN dan

AKHBAR : SINAR AHAD

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : MEMERANGI WABAK COVID-19

1,168 kes penularan dalam negara

Jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehanjangkitan meningkat kepada 11,666 kes

PUTRAJAYA

Jumlah kes pulih pandemik koronavirus (Covid-19) dalam tempoh 24 jam di negara ini mencatat angka tertinggi setakat ini iaitu 1,029 individu menjadikan kumulatif kes pulih sepenuhnya adalah 27,409 kes.

Kes baharu Covid-19 pula kekal empat angka namun menurun sedikit dengan 1,168 kes sekali gus menyaksikan jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehanjangkitan kini sebanyak 11,666 kes. Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdul-

lah berkata, kesemua kes baharu semalam adalah penularan dalam negara.

"Sabah terus mencatatkan kes baharu tertinggi dengan 616 kes, Selangor (247), Labuan (104), Negeri Sembilan (68), Perak (37) dan Kuala Lumpur (28).

"Sarawak dengan 25 kes, Pulau Pinang (18), Kedah (15), Johor (lima), Terengganu (tiga) dan Melaka (dua)," katanya pada sidang akhbar di Kementerian Kesihatan di sini semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham berkata, terdapat tiga lagi kematian baharu akibat Covid-19 menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan kematian ialah 282 kes.

Katanya, semua kes kema-



DR NOOR HISHAM

lian itu melibatkan warga negara yang meninggal dunia di Hospital Queen Elizabeth di Sabah.

"Kematian ke-280 adalah wanita berusia 51 tahun dengan latar belakang penyakit darah tinggi, obesiti dan dislipidemia; kematian ke-282 ialah seorang lelaki berumur 55 tahun dengan penyakit kencing manis, darah tinggi, dan strok," kata beliau.

ke-281 juga wanita berusia 62 tahun dengan penyakit kencing manis, darah tinggi dan dislipidemia manakala kematian ke-282 ialah seorang lelaki berumur 55 tahun dengan penyakit kencing manis, darah tinggi, dan strok," kata beliau.

Katanya, sehingga kini, terdapat 87 kes positif sedang dirawat di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dengan 32 daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

-Bernama

Empat lagi kluster baharu dikesan

PUTRAJAYA - Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) mengesan empat lagi kluster baharu koronavirus (Covid-19) melibatkan negeri Sabah, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur dan Putrajaya serta Sarawak semalam.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdulah berkata, di Sabah, Kluster Softwood LD di Lahad Datu membabitkan kes indeks (ke-34,985) yang dikesan positif Covid-19 hasil saringan individu bergejala pada 30 Oktober lalu.

Menurutnya, di Selangor, Kluster Teratai dikesan di daerah Klang, Kuala Selangor, Petaling dan Hulu Langat membabitkan kes indeks (ke-35,263) dikenal pasti positif hasil saringan indi-

vidu bergejala pada 2 November lalu.

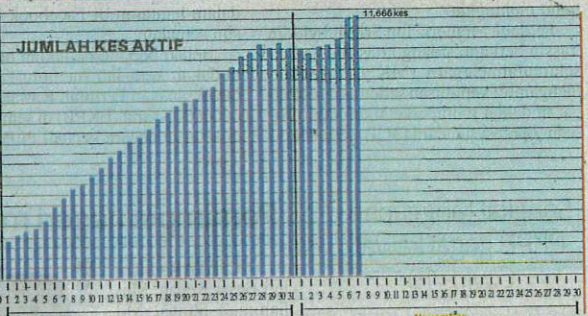
"Di Kuala Lumpur, Kluster Tapak Bina Damanlela dikesan melibatkan daerah Lembah Pantai, Kepong dan Titiwangsa dengan kes indeks (ke-37,814) telah dikenal pasti positif hasil saringan tahanan pada 6 November.

"Kluster baharu yang turut dikesan ialah Kluster Mahkota melibatkan daerah Hulu Langat di Selangor; Kepong dan Titiwangsa di Kuala Lumpur; Putrajaya serta Sibu, Sarawak dengan kes indeks (ke-32,385) dikenal pasti positif Covid-19 hasil saringan kontak rapat pada 30 Oktober lalu," katanya pada sidang di KKM di sini semalam.

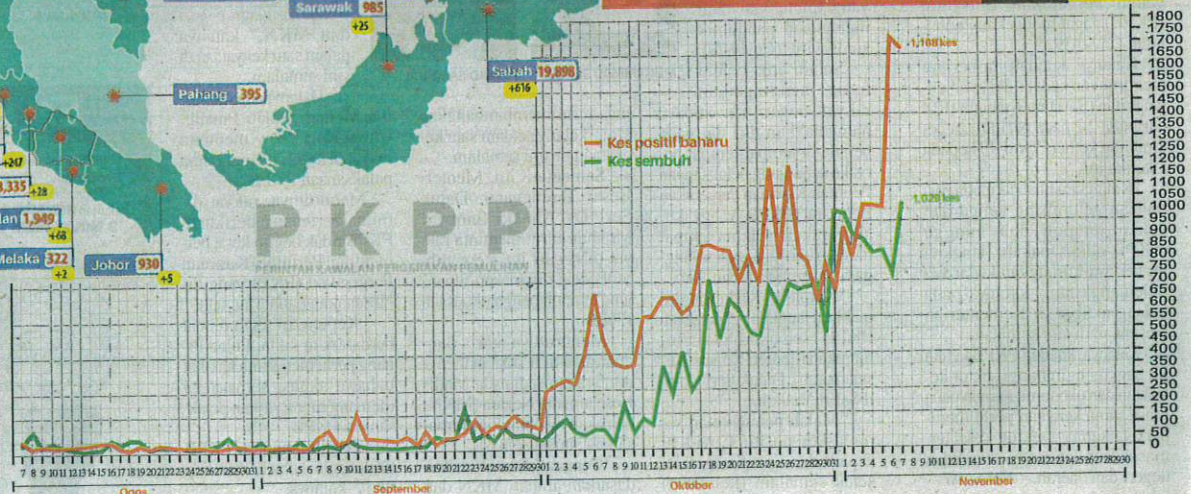
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SITUASI TERKINI KES COVID-19 DI MALAYSIA SETAKAT SEMALAM

Bilangan kes Covid-19 mengikut negeri di Malaysia



JUMLAH KES BAHARU DAN SEMBUH DILAPORKAN SETIAP HARI				
JUMLAH KESELURUHAN	PULIH	ICU	KEMATIAN	KES BAHARU
39,357	27,409	87	282	+1,168



INFOGRAFIK: SINAR HANGAN/EPIC

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : NATION/NEWS

Army treatment centre for Kepayan cluster opens

KOTA KINABALU: The army has begun operating its makeshift treatment centre to help the Sabah Health Department contain Covid-19 infections involving the Kepayan Prison cluster.

"The makeshift treatment centre started its operations today (yesterday), involving a Bravo Coy First Royal Medical Battalion.

"The team will be the medical logistic team responsible for helping the state Health Department prevent the spread of infections involving the Kepayan Prison cluster," said the Fifth Infantry of the army in a statement.

It added that the centre comprised a pharmacy, operation room, store and basic accommodation for staff.

The centre was also set up to provide daily treatment to Kepayan prisoners diagnosed as Stage-3 Covid-19 patients.

Stage 3 refers to the condition where patients develop infections in one or both lungs, but do not require supplemental oxygen.

The Health Ministry said 1,804 Covid-19 cases had been recorded in the Kepayan cluster, with 879 receiving treatment up to yesterday.

The locality, including the prison quarters in Taman Mat Salleh, Kampung Matambai, was placed under the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) starting Oct 21.

The EMCO involves 2,914 inmates and 597 prison staff.

In **Johor Baru**, SMK Jalan Kota Tinggi, near Kluang, was ordered to close for seven days from yesterday after one of its Form One students was found positive with Covid-19.

Johor Education, Information, Heritage and Culture Committee chairman Mazlan Bujang said the school was ordered to close to facilitate cleaning and disinfection.

In a Bernama report, he said the student and three family members were confirmed to be Covid-19 positive by Kota Tinggi Hospital after undergoing swab tests on Thursday at the Kota Tinggi district health office.

Prior to that, the family members were reported to have visited a relative who was sick at a hospital, he said, adding that besides the student and his three family members, another relative of theirs was confirmed to be Covid-19 positive.

Mazlan said this after launching the Dahlia Housing project, which was developed by United Malayan Land Bhd in Jalan Seri Austin, Taman Seri Austin, here yesterday.

Despite the closure, he said, teachers were required to continue with teaching and learning from home.

In **Kuala Lumpur**, Ikea confirmed that its store in Damansara near here had been closed for a day yesterday after one of its

part-time co-workers was suspected of contracting Covid-19.

The company took to its Facebook page to inform customers that the store would undergo sanitisation and deep-cleaning.

Ikea added that the Damansara store was expected to resume operation today.

"We were informed on Nov 6 that one of our part-time co-workers is suspected of (contracting) Covid-19, and is under the care of the authorities waiting to be tested.

"The co-worker's last working day was on Oct 30.

"As a precautionary measure, our store (in Damansara) will be closed on Nov 7 to undergo sanitisation and deep cleaning, in accordance with the Health Ministry's standards," the post said.

Ikea added that the health, safety and wellbeing of its co-workers, customers, partners, as well as the community remained its top priority.

"We are working with public health officials and will act on their advice.

"At Ikea, we will continue to do our part by securing all preventive measure at our stores to ensure everyone's comfort and safety.

"These measures include (using the) MySejahtera application for contact tracing, physical distancing markers, thermal scanners at all entry points and hand sanitising stations."

AKHBAR : NEW SUNDAY TIMES

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEWS/NATION

THROUGH COVAX

'WE'LL GET VACCINES EARLY NEXT YEAR'

Govt to make advance bookings for Covid-19 vaccines with RM3b allocation, says Khairy

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THE government will make advance bookings for Covid-19 vaccines through the RM3 billion allocation announced in the 2021 Budget on Friday.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said the ministry expected the vaccines, currently being developed in other countries, to be

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procured within the first three months of next year.

He said the vaccines need to be approved by the Health Ministry before any orders were made.

"I am the Covid-19 Vaccine

Access Guarantee Committee co-chair and we will make advance bookings for vaccines currently being developed internationally.

"We expect to receive more information on their efficacy in one or two months.

"If the Health Ministry is satisfied with the data and information, then we can make our purchase."

He said this after visiting Kampung Kuala Sawah in Rantau, near here, after it was hit by flash floods following a three-hour

downpour a few days ago.

In tabling the 2021 Budget, Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz said the government was committed to acquiring Covid-19 vaccines through its participation in the Covid-19 Vaccine Global Access Facility (Covax) at an estimated cost of RM3 billion.

Khairy, who is Rembau member of parliament, said the RM400 million allocated for research and development was important

to commercialise locally-made products.

"We do not want to just rely on technology from other countries that comes with high costs.

"So we will focus this large sum allocated for research on local products and technologies."

Khairy, who is also Negri Sembilan Development Committee chairman, said the federal government would conduct repair work on the riverbanks in Kampung Kuala Sawah that collapsed following the flood on Tuesday.

He said the State Development Department, Public Works Department and Irrigation and Drainage Department would discuss the matter soon.



Khairy Jamaluddin

AKHBAR : SUNDAY STAR

MUKA SURAT : 5

RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Health DG: Numbers still high

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PUTRAJAYA: Covid-19 cases continue to be in the four-digit numbers with 1,168 new cases with four new clusters detected nationwide.

While cases in Sabah saw a drop from 1,199 on Friday to 616 yesterday, it still has the highest number.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said there were three new fatalities, bringing the country's death toll to 282.

"A total of 1,029 patients were discharged with a recovery rate of 69.6%.

"The number of active cases has gone up to 11,666 cases," he said yesterday.

Dr Noor Hisham said so far, 87 people were warded at the intensive care units with 32 of them requiring ventilator support.

Aside from Sabah, Selangor recorded 247 cases, followed by Labuan (104 cases), Negri Sembilan (68), Perak (37), Kuala Lumpur (28), Sarawak (25), Penang (18), Kedah (15), Johor (five), Terengganu (three) and Melaka (two).

Dr Noor Hisham said the Bah Puchong cluster came to an end with just 14 positive cases while the rest tested negative.

He said a new cluster - Softwood LD - in Lahad Datu was traced to a symptomatic individual, who tested positive following a screening on Oct 30.

"Close contact screenings detected another 13 cases. All are warded at the Payang PPR

Low-Risk Covid-19 quarantine and treatment centre.

Dr Noor Hisham said in Selangor, the Teratai cluster involved Klang, Kuala Selangor, Petaling and Hulu Langat districts.

"Close contact screenings detected another 73 cases, all of whom were admitted to the Sungai Buloh Hospital.

"A total of 101 people have been screened with 58 testing positive," he said.

He said the Damanlela Construction Site cluster in Kepong and Titiwangsa was detected on Nov 6.

"Following close contact screenings, 14 more cases were detected," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham said Mahkota cluster was identified following close contact screenings on Oct 30 involving Hulu Langat, Kepong and Titiwangsa.

"Following contact tracing, eight more cases have been detected. So far, 56 people have been screened with nine of them positive and 19 awaiting results," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham also said they planned to fine-tune measures to control social, school and sports activities to curb the spread of Covid-19.

"While the conditional movement control order has been effective in bringing down the infection rate, the challenge is to control the social activities."

He said tightening the rules on social activities could also assist in community screenings and other public health initiatives.



AKHBAR : SUNDAY STAR

MUKA SURAT : 6

RUANGAN : NATION

Facing off threat of Covid-19 in the community

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabahans are gripped with uncertainty as the Covid-19 pandemic continues unabated in the state.

Fears of job losses and slowing businesses are in the minds of many in the state as the number of positive cases continues to climb from three-digit figures to 1,199 cases on Friday.

Generally, life goes on albeit at a much slower pace with families facing a host of worries and concerns, including their children's education and daily livelihood issues such as paying bills and servicing their loans.

Many companies are operating at half their capacity as employees work from home while thousands in the coastal areas and islands in the east coast of Sabah are in lockdown under the enhanced movement control order (MCO).

Many NGOs and individuals have been sending food supplies and infant formula milk to those affected not only in the east coast but also in rural areas in northern Sabah and even in the city here.

"It is very tough," said small-time trader Alawi Tahir who is based in Sandakan, one of the state's hotspots in the east coast.



On the front lines: Labuan Health Department personnel on their way to collect Covid-19 test samples at the Saguking settlement area. The conditional MCO for Sabah and Labuan will be extended by four more weeks.

Alawi, who is involved in exporting fisheries products, said business was at a standstill as very little could be done during the current conditional MCO across the state.

"There is also the fear of going out," he said, adding that he only ventured out to do business or for personal needs.

Sandakan, Tawau and the state capital Kota Kinabalu are among the worst hit in terms of the number of Covid-19 cases since early October.

People across the state are very fearful as they learn about positive cases and the deaths of people they know or who live in their area.

"Nowadays, I get the feeling that the virus is around us after I hear that friends or even people at the markets that I frequent are getting infected," said Jason Edgar who works for a graphic designing company.

"Although many of us are scared, we still worry about putting food on

the table," said Edgar who added that he had to take a pay cut due to the slowdown in business.

"I believe that with a large migrant population, the infections will continue.

"But I do believe that since we managed to flatten the curve before, we can do it again with more experience.

"The virus is in the community like tuberculosis, malaria or dengue. We have to live with it," said a for-

mer civil servant who wanted to be known as Zahir.

Many believe the situation will persist until the end of the year and hope to see more positive signs as they enter the new year.

Meanwhile, a statement from the National Security Council said the conditional MCO for Sabah and Labuan, that was due to expire tomorrow, will be extended by four more weeks in view of the high number of cases here.

Sabah government Covid-19 spokesman Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun said they had asked for the conditional MCO to be extended.

However, Masidi said some relaxations to the standard operating procedure (SOP) would be suggested for areas not directly or badly affected by the pandemic.

These areas could include dine-in restaurants, hotel services, capacity of passengers in buses at districts as well as non-contact sports activities, Masidi said.

These were part of suggestions to help businesses to function, he said. Masidi also noted that despite the challenging rise in Covid-19 cases, the medical services were providing optimal care.

As of Friday, Sabah had recorded a cumulative total of 19,282 cases with 3,199 still undergoing treatment. The number of deaths to date is 147.

AKHBAR : SUNDAY STAR

MUKA SURAT : 10

RUANGAN : NATION

'Health Ministry gets more funds in new Budget'

PETALING JAYA: The Finance Minister has clarified that the allocation for the Health Ministry under Budget 2021 at RM31.9bil is higher than the RM30.6bil in 2020.

Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz said the allocation for medical supplies and consumables amounting to RM4.29bil had been allocated and classified under code 080000 (Specific Programmes).

"These include Government Supply of Public Medical Facilities of RM2.89bil and Medicinal and Laboratory Supplies of RM1.4bil.

"This is why the total allocation under code 020000 (Medical) shows a 'reduction' from RM14.2bil (2020) to RM11.3bil (2021).

"These details contain provisions for various areas of healthcare including nephrology and pharmacy. FACT: NO area of healthcare has had its allocation reduced," he said in a Facebook post last night.

This came following claims by industry groups that there had been significant cuts across the board that reduced funds for the public healthcare workers and medical supplies for lifestyle diseases.

The government, added Tengku Zafrul, had also allocated RM24mil to address mental health issues through the enhancement of the Mental Health Programme, Prevention of Physical Abuse and Substance Abuse, as well as RM420mil to enhance its Supplementary

Meal Plan in order for students from low-income families to get a daily supply of milk for every school day.

He said the government had also set aside an extra RM475mil for the supply of reagents and consumables needed in relation to Covid-19 and RM318mil for the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and hand sanitiser for the country's frontliner staff.

Other allocations are RM150mil to the National Disaster Management Agency to coordinate efforts to combat the pandemic, RM50mil for the procurement of equipment, laboratory test supplies and medicines at teaching university hospitals as well as additional equipment for running dental facilities, virtual clinic services, health screening zone facilities and thermometers at health facilities to fulfil the standard operating procedure under the new norm.

Tengku Zafrul said the additional provision in point 6 was not included in the operating expenditure allocation contained in the Buku Anggaran Hasil & Perbelanjaan Persekutuan 2021 (Federal Projected Income and Expenditure) as it was set aside separately under the Covid-19 Fund.

"All the above allocations are over and above the government's RM1.8bil allocation this year for the implementation of the movement control order and public health needs related to Covid-19, including the purchase of PPE, reagents and consumables," he said.

AKHBAR : SUNDAY STAR

MUKA SURAT : 23

RUANGAN : STARASEAN

Over 300 inmates infected

Latest cluster in Riau emerges from Pekanbaru correction centre

Indonesia THREE hundred and fifty-seven inmates in the Pekanbaru Class II A Correction Centre have tested positive for Covid-19, making it the latest cluster in Riau.

The positive cases were revealed following swab tests conducted at the facility on Oct 26, when 1,502 inmates were tested.

"The results were delivered to us in two stages. The first results, which we received on Nov 2, showed that 207 inmates were positive for Covid-19, and on Nov 5 we received another group of swab test results that showed that 150 inmates were positive," Riau Law

Battling Covid-19



and Human Rights Agency head Ibnu Chuldun said on Friday.

"We have (responded to) the Covid-19 spread by separating healthy inmates from positive inmates.

"Some of the inmates who tested negative have been transferred to the juvenile detention (facility) in

Rumbai," he said.

He added that the inmates' families should not worry, as inmates with the virus have been treated by the Covid-19 task force in Riau.

"Every positive inmate has been isolated and treated for 14 days as stipulated in the health protocols," Ibnu said.

He also added that the task force had previously treated inmates at the Women's Detention Centre in Pekanbaru.

"As many as 75 out of 85 positive inmates at the detention centre have recovered.

"Ten inmates are getting better, but are still staying in a separate

place because their isolation period is not over yet," Ibnu said.

The acting head of the Pekanbaru detention centre, Alfonsus Wisnu Ardianto, added that he prepared a special isolation block with a capacity of 500 people separated from the healthy inmates' block.

"Every inmate who tests positive for Covid-19 is given vitamins to increase their stamina.

"We will also take them to sunbathe every morning," Alfonsus said, adding that the detention centre would not allow visits for the next five days to prevent the virus from spreading further. — The Jakarta Post/ANN

AKHBAR : SUNDAY STAR

MUKA SURAT : 26

RUANGAN : STAR WORLD

Trump's chief of staff tests positive for Covid-19

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump's chief of staff Mark Meadows has tested positive for Covid-19, reported media in the United States.

Meadows, 61, told people he had coronavirus after the election, CNN reported. He first tested positive on Wednesday, a day after the poll, according to *The New York Times*.

He was part of a crowd in a room at the White House early on Wednesday when Trump spoke to around 150 of his top aides and supporters, the *Washington Post* reported.

Several senior Trump administration officials have contracted the virus in recent weeks, including the president and his wife Melania.

Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany and policy advisers Stephen Miller and Hope Hicks are among more than a dozen other senior White House figures who have been infected since the start of October.

More than 9.7 million people have contracted the virus in the US, with more than 236,000 dead. — AFP

Pandemic empties India's Silicon Valley suburbs

BENGALURU: The coronavirus pandemic has transformed India's Silicon Valley.

The shops are emptying out fast in an upscale suburb of this bustling Indian metropolis, and the once-popular pubs frequented by the young workforce have fallen silent.

The interiors of trendy showrooms, eateries and software companies are accumulating dust and rental signs have lined up the hollowed-out commercial hubs.

The residents are calling it a "bloodbath on the streets".

Koramangala, a popular haunt among college students and young working professionals in southern Bengaluru city, the IT capital of India, is a mix of luxury apartments, commercial structures, and posh bungalows where many Indian billionaires live.

But with months of lockdown forcing businesses to shut and rental dues mounting, companies are downgrading their spaces and moving to cheaper suburbs, leaving the wide tree-lined boulevards eerily empty.

Thousands of students and professionals who worked for IT companies and lived in the area have



Old haunt: A motorist riding past a famous trendy bar and restaurant in Bengaluru which have been closed due to the pandemic. — AP

moved back to their native places to work remotely.

Even as much of the Indian economy has reopened, Bengaluru's professional workforce is returning to work at a much slower pace than those in most other major cities, raising the risk that the city faces a more protracted recovery.

Bengaluru, also known as

Bangalore, has been one of the worst-hit cities with nearly 345,000 cases including 4,000 deaths. Nationwide, more than 8.4 million people have been infected and over 125,000 have died.

In May, the government announced a US\$266bil (RM1.1 trillion) stimulus package, but consumer demand and manufacturing are

WHO: Virus cases reported on mink farms in six countries

COPENHAGEN: Denmark and the United States are among six countries that have reported new coronavirus cases linked to mink farms, the World Health Organisation said.

Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden are the other nations to have discovered SARS-CoV-2 in minks, WHO said in a statement.

Denmark has imposed strict measures on the north of the country after warning that a mutation of the virus had jumped from minks to humans and infected 12 people.

Copenhagen has warned the mutation could threaten the effectiveness of any future vaccine and has ordered the slaughter of all the estimated 15 to 17 million minks in the country.

Britain yesterday banned entry to all non-resident foreigners coming from Denmark after the mutation linked to mink farms was found in humans.

Scientists say virus mutations are common and often harmless, and this one doesn't cause a more severe illness in humans. But Danish health authorities have expressed concern this strain, known as "Cluster 5", is not inhibited by antibodies to the same degree as the normal virus.

Since June 2020, 214 human cases of Covid-19 have been identified in Denmark with SARS-CoV-2 variants associated with farmed minks. — AFP

Battling Covid-19

yet to recover and the once-thriving shopping districts and commercial hubs are struggling.

Across Bengaluru, the stories are the same — of property owners renting out places cheaply or watching them empty out. Some are even losing out on decades-old tenants.

"My good tenant of 17 years, an Italian designer furniture outlet, vacated recently," said G. Kiran-kumar, owner of a commercial building in Koramangala.

"The situation is bad."

Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry president CR Janardhana said 15% of the Bengaluru city's businesses have closed down and 140,000 industries, as well as small and big stores, have permanently shut.

"People are not in a position to come out. They want to protect their families," Janardhana said. — AP