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No stopping voters with Covid-19

Coronavirus-positive patients exercise their rights smoothly

PETALING JAYA: The voting process for Covid-19 patients went smoothly at all polling stations as at noon, says caretaker Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

He said all the polling centres were each assigned at least one health worker to handle the processing.

"For example, at this polling centre (SK Section 7 Kota Damansara), I was informed that 10 voters with Covid-19 came to cast their ballots. On arrival, they identified themselves as Covid-19-positive and were allowed to cast their vote straight away and then go home," he said.

Khairy, the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Sungai Buloh parliamentary seat, was speaking to reporters after observing the voting process at SK Seksyen 7 Kota

Damansara here.

Prior to this, Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said individuals who had the virus must comply with several guidelines, including physical isolation and not taking public transport.

Khairy is in a seven-cornered contest against Pakatan Harapan's Datuk R. Ramanan, Perikatan Nasional's Mohd Ghazali Md Hamin, Pejuang's Mohd Akmal Mohd Yusoff, Parti Rakyat Malaysia vice-president Ahmad Jufiz Faiza, and two independents, Syed Abdul Razak Syed Long Alsagoff and Nurhaslinda Basri.

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Dare to care: Medical officer Norazlina Mohd Tahar helping a Covid-19-positive voter cast her vote in SK Setapak Indah Kuala Lumpur. —AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

Health scare no deterrent for Sabah minister to casting vote

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KOTA KINABALU: Datuk Jahid Jahim has not let his current health situation prevent him from voting in GE15.

The Tamparuli assemblyman and Parti Bersatu Sabah deputy president and his wife, Datin Malianah Ugau, were among the earliest voters to arrive – at 7.45am – to cast their ballots at SJK(C) Chung Hwa Tamparuli.

He was voting for the Tuaran parliamentary seat, which was being contested by his PBS colleague, Datuk Joniston Bangkuai,



Duty fulfilled: Jahid and Malianah showing off their inked fingers after casting their ballots.

who contested under the Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS) ticket. The Tuaran parliamentary area

consists of the Tamparuli, Kiulu, Pantai Dalit and Sulaman state constituencies.

Jahid, who is the Sabah Rural Development Minister, was hospitalised for some time after fainting while delivering a speech in August.

Despite not having fully recovered from his ailment, the 63-year-old was all geared up to fulfil his responsibility as a voter.

"I hope the voting process in Sabah, and particularly in Tuaran, will be smooth," he said when met briefly yesterday.

Jahid was delivering a speech while officiating a corporate social responsibility programme at Kampung Mangkapon in Sabah's northern Pitas district when he

became unwell on Aug 27.

People at the event noticed that the minister was having difficulties and immediately rushed to his aid just before he collapsed.

He was then sent to the Pitas district hospital before being transferred to the intensive care unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital here.

Besides Bangkuai, Pakatan Harapan's Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau is defending the Tuaran seat in a six-cornered fight with Joanna Rampas from Parti Warisan, Pejuang's Muminin Kalingkong @Norbinsa, and independent candidates Bobby Lewat and Datuk Noortaip Suhaili.