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Penularan COVID-19

Kluster baharu depoh Semenyih

Kementerian ambil langkah pencegahan, perketat proses saringan

Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) mengesan kewujudan satu kluster baharu membabitkan individu di Depoh Imigrasi Semenyih (DTI), Selangor dan saringan setakat ini merangkumi 1,750 sampel.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata daripada jumlah berkenaan, 21 kes adalah positif COVID-19.

Kementerian Kesihatan kelmarin melaporkan satu kluster baharu dikesan di DTI dekat Bukit Jalil membabitkan 35 kes positif COVID-19 dan semuanya merangkumi bukan warganegara Malaysia, iaitu 17 warga Myanmar, 15 (India), dan masing-masing seorang warga Sri Lanka, Bangladesh dan Mesir.

Ditanya punca jangkitan, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, ia masih dalam siasatan, namun kementerian akan mengambil beberapa langkah pencegahan termasuk mengetatkan proses saringan terhadap mana-mana tahanan sebelum ditempatkan di premis terbahit.

"Kita akan pastikan mereka (tahanan) negatif dulu, baru dimasukkan ke depoh tahanan. Setakat ini kita masih sedang siasat punca penularan, mungkin juga ia daripada kakitangan di depoh berkenaan yang masih bebas keluar masuk ke premis berkenaan.

"Bagaimanapun, saringan terhadap 114 kakitangan di DTI Semenyih mendapati semuanya negatif COVID-19, justeru kita sedang mencari punca lain," katanya pada sidang media harian, semalam.

Dr Noor Hisham turut tidak menolak kemungkinan segelintir individu berkemungkinan tercedir daripada proses saringan ketika warga asing terbabit mendiami kawasan yang dikenakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD).

Setakat ini, katanya, semua penduduk di kawasan PKPD perlu menjalani saringan dua kali, termasuk pada hari ke-13, iaitu sebelum tempoh peneraman wabak berkenaan berakhir.

"Mungkin juga ketika disaring kali kedua, iaitu pada hari ke-13, saringan belum menunjukkan kesan positif, jadi kita sedang teliti kes ini. Penelitian turut merangkumi beberapa tempat tahanan seperti di Semenyih, Bukit Jalil dan Sepang, malah ia diperluaskan ke penjara," katanya.

Sementara itu, katanya, 44 daripada 48 kes baharu COVID-19 yang dicatatkan di seluruh negara semalam adalah penularan tempatan yang mana 25 daripada 44 kes penularan tempatan, pula membabitkan bukan warganegara Malaysia, termasuk 21 kes yang dikesan di DTI, Semenyih.

Dengan itu, jumlah kes positif COVID-19 di Malaysia kini adalah 7,185 kes dan jumlah kes aktif dengan kebolehhajatan COVID-19 adalah 1,158 kes. Jumlah yang pulih daripada jangkitan dan dibenarkan keluar wad adalah 5,912 kes atau 82.1 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan kes.

Sembilan kes positif kini ditempatkan di unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dan lima daripadanya memerlukan bantuan pernafasan.

Tiada kes kematian baharu semalam, menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan angka korban kekal sebanyak 115 kes atau 1.6 peratus daripada jumlah kes.

KKM menerusi Facebook semalam pula mendedahkan tiga kluster jangkitan COVID-19 di negara ini berkaitan kluster rentas negeri, iaitu kluster PUI (individu dalam siasatan) Bali, Pengerang dan Rembau.

Kluster ke-14 yang diisytiharkan tamat semalam, iaitu PUI Bali adalah contoh bagaimana perjalanan rentas negeri menyebarkan jangkitan COVID-19 tanpa disadari individu yang membawa virus itu.

"Kes bermula apabila seorang individu dari Tumpat, Kelantan yang mempunyai sejarah perjalanan ke Bali mengadakan kontak rapat dengan abangnya di Kuantan.

"Abangnya dimasukkan ke hospital swasta kerana masalah pernafasan dan menjangkiti pesakit lain serta petugas kesihatan.

"Seramai 43 orang dijangkiti dan menyebabkan empat kematian," kata kenyataan itu.

Menurut kenyataan itu, dua lagi kluster berkait rentas negeri ialah Kluster Pengerang dan Rembau.

Kes Kluster Pengerang, kes indeks (pesakit positif asal) yang mulanya disyaki denggi merentas negeri untuk ke Selangor dan menjangkiti individu lain dan menular melalui aktiviti kunjung-mengunjung.

Kluster Rembau membabitkan

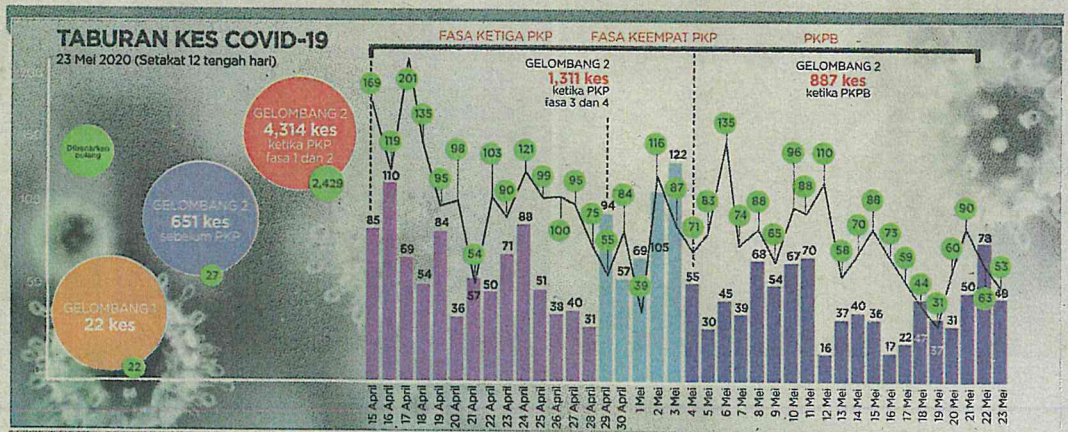


Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

seorang peserta perhimpunan di Masjid Seri Petaling yang hadir ke mesyuarat di sebuah sekolah di Pedas. Jangkitan kemudian menular apabila ada yang menziarahi individu dijangkiti.

Justeru, kerajaan melarang perjalanan rentas negeri kecuali dibenarkan polis.

KKM juga mengingatkan aktiviti ziarah Aidilfitri juga berkemungkinan menyebarkan virus sehingga menjangkiti sanak-saudara, sekali gus mengancam nyawa, terutama warga emas serta kanak-kanak.



Penjawat awam perlu jalani ujian saringan sebelum hadir mesyuarat

Putrajaya: Setiap penjawat awam yang menghadiri mesyuarat perlu menjalani ujian saringan bagi membanding penularan COVID-19.

Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, berkata langkah itu bagi membolehkan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) mengesan kes positif seorang pegawai yang menghadiri mesyuarat bersama Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, baru-baru ini.

"Untuk pengetahuan semua, setiap daripada kami (penjawat awam) sebelum menghadiri mesyuarat, perlu mengambil sampel (ujian saringan) masing-masing,

"Daripada situ, (KKM) berupaya mengesan seorang pegawai positif ketika menghadiri mesyuarat. KKM yang mengesan perkara itu mendapati ada 35 lagi yang menghadiri mesyuarat terbahit.

"Bagaimanapun, ujian saringan mendapati 35 individu terbabit negatif COVID-19. Namun, semua mereka perlu menjalani kuarantin 14 hari," katanya pada sidang media harian, semalam.

Media melaporkan Muhyiddin, diarahkan menjalani kuarantin 14 hari di kediamannya bermula petang kelmarin.

Pejabat Perdana Menteri dalam kenyataannya, memaklumkan tindakan itu diambil selepas seor-

ang pegawai yang hadir pada mesyuarat pasca-Kabinet di Pejabat Perdana Menteri pada Rabu, disahkan positif COVID-19.

"Perdana Menteri sudah menjalani ujian saringan COVID-19 pagi tadi (kelmarin) dan disahkan negatif. Mengikut Perintah Pengawasan dan Pemeliharaan bagi Kontak COVID-19 (Seksyen 15(1) Akta 342), Perdana Menteri perlu menjalani kuarantin di rumah selama 14 hari mulai petang ini (kelmarin)," katanya.

Sementara itu, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, orang ramai dinasihatkan menagguhkan aktiviti ziarah membabitkan keluarga dan rakan, selain mengelak kunj-

ungan ke kubur ketika Aidilfitri.

Saranan itu katanya, termasuk larangan merentas negeri yang mungkin mengakibatkan penularan ke kawasan lain, terutama zon hijau.

"Kita perlu mengambil iktibar daripada kluster Pengerang, yang mana penyebaran COVID-19 berlaku akibat aktiviti merentas negeri dan sub-kluster Rembau apabila penyebaran jangkitan COVID-19 didapati turut berlaku akibat aktiviti kunjung-mengunjung sanak saudara," katanya.

Menjelang Aidilfitri, Dr Noor Hisham berkata, masyarakat dinasihatkan untuk terus menga-

malkan kelaziman baharu bagi menjamin usaha membanding penularan jangkitan COVID-19.

Sehubungan itu, katanya, masyarakat wajar mempunyai sikap dan rasa tanggungjawab semasa meraikan perayaan berkenaan.

"Ini termasuk mengelakkan 3S, iaitu elak daripada berada di kawasan sesak, sempit dan bersesbang atau bertutur dalam jarak dekat.

"Amalkan 3W, iaitu kerap mencuci tangan dengan air dan sabun, digalakkan pakai pelitup muka di tempat awam atau jika bergejala dan sentiasa peka dengan amaran kementerian yang berkonsepkan peringatan," katanya.

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TWO CLUSTERS DETECTED

'STRICT S.O.P. AT IMMIGRATION DEPOTS'

This will prevent formation of new clusters, says Health D-G

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STRICT standard operating procedures (SOP) are in place at the Immigration Department's detention centres and prisons to prevent Covid-19 transmissions and the formation of new clusters, said the Health Ministry.

The reassurance came following the detection of two Covid-19 clusters at Immigration detention centres in Bukit Jalil on Thursday and in Semenyih yesterday.

Besides care homes for the elderly, Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said, prisons and immigration depots had been identified as Covid-19 high-risk areas.

"Places with a large number of people in closed and confined spaces present a high risk for disease transmission. But the situation is under control since it's confined to the depot, where there is limited movement.

"We have looked into the SOP of detention centres.

"Detainees must be screened and test negative before being admitted to detention centres. If they are negative, then only they will be taken into the building.

"All staff and detainees will be screened even if a case has been detected in another block (as in the case of Bukit Jalil)," he said at a press conference yesterday.

He said the premises would be cleaned and sanitised, while Immigration and Prisons Department officials would have to ensure detainees and staff practised social distancing and good personal hygiene.

The Bukit Jalil detention centre cluster recorded 34 cases, while Semenyih had 21 cases.

Dr Noor Hisham said 1,752 samples had been taken from 1,631 detainees in Semenyih and 121 personnel. Of that number, 21 tested positive, while the results for the rest were pending.

He said the source of infection of the Bukit Jalil and Semenyih depot clusters was being probed.

"We will look into whether the staff brought in the infection because the detainees are not going anywhere, but the staff are going in and out.

"So far, our screening of the staff is negative.

"Secondly, it is possible that although we have screened those from Enhanced Movement Control Order areas twice on day one and day 13, perhaps one or two of them had not been screened.

"Or perhaps during the incubation period, they did not test positive.

"Nevertheless, we are investigating the cause of the infection at depots in Bukit Jalil, Semenyih or Sepang.

"We are taking precautionary measures for all detention centres and prisons as well."

On Covid-19 screening at old

folks homes, he said 11,032 residents, caretakers and staff had been identified, with 9,367 (84.9 per cent) samples taken.

Of this, he said 23 people, or 0.2 per cent, tested positive, of which three (13 per cent) were symptomatic and 20 (87 per cent) were asymptomatic.

The ministry registered 48 new cases yesterday, bringing the total tally of confirmed infections in the country to 7,185.

"The total number of active cases stands at 1,158.

"Fifty-three cases have recovered and were discharged today (yesterday), bringing the cumulative number of recovered cases to 5,912, or 82.3 per cent.

"Out of the total 48 new cases, four are imported and 44 are local.

"From the 44 cases, 25 are foreigners (including 21 identified at the Semenyih Immigration depot)."



Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah

'Postpone visits and don't go to graves'

KUALA LUMPUR: The Health Ministry urged Muslims to postpone visits and refrain from visiting graves during Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said this included interstate travel, which could spread Covid-19 to other areas, especially green zones.

"This year, the whole world will celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri in a different way than in previous years. Concerned about the risk of Covid-19 transmission, governments in countries affected by the pandemic have taken various approaches to allow Muslims to celebrate Aidilfitri in a safe manner.

"As previously mentioned, celebrate this year's Hari Raya Aidilfitri with your families at home.

"If Malaysians have been accustomed to celebrating the festivity openly, this year we will be celebrating Aidilfitri in a private way in our own homes with family members living under one roof.

"We need to learn from the Pengerang cluster (where Covid-19 cases were linked to interstate travel) and the Rembau sub-cluster (caused by visiting relatives)."



Haikal Rosli (standing, right), 39, his wife Nurmafadilla Azaami, 29, and their children making a video call from their home in Kuala Lumpur to family members in Kampung Nelayan, Teluk Kumbar, Pulau Pinang, yesterday. PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

The Health Ministry, he said, would like to remind the public on the National Security Council's standard operating procedure that states the number of visiting family members should not exceed 20 individuals in a day.

However, he said, this depended on the space in a house, where social distancing and good hygiene must also be observed.

He said all 35 government of-

ficers who were in close contact with an officer who tested positive for Covid-19 recently would undergo self-quarantine.

He said although they tested negative, they still needed to be quarantined at home for 14 days.

"One of the requirements that these officers need to undergo is to do screening first before they attend any official meeting. The ministry is conducting active

contact tracing of their family members and those who attended the meeting.

"We have swabbed all 35 officers and the results showed negative. However, they need to self-quarantine.

"We have taken precautionary measures, and on the 13th day, we will carry out a swab test on them again. If the results show negative, then they can return to work," he

said during his daily press conference in Putrajaya yesterday.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin began his 14-day self-quarantine on Friday after an officer who attended a post-cabinet meeting he chaired on May 20 tested positive for Covid-19.

On Friday, the Prime Minister's Office said Muhyiddin had tested negative following a screening conducted on Friday morning.

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GREEN ZONE NO MORE

SABAH INTERIOR'S FIRST COVID-19 CASE

State Health director worried about reports of crowded places

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AUTHORITIES have detected the first Covid-19 case in an interior district of Sabah, which had been a green zone since the implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO).

Sabah Health Department director Datuk Dr Christina Rundi

said the patient, from Kota Marudu, was diagnosed at the Likas Women and Children's Hospital here on Friday.

"The patient came to the hospital for treatment and tested positive for Covid-19.

"After that, the latest case was admitted to Queen Elizabeth Hospital yesterday (Friday)," she said in a statement.

Sabah registered another case in Tawau involving an individual recently returned from Kuala Lumpur.

The patient was placed at a quarantine centre and admitted to Tawau Hospital on May 21.

The department is investigating the source of infection of both patients.

The state has a total of 340

Covid-19 cases, 31 of which are still being treated at hospitals.

Dr Christina said they received many reports of crowded public places, such as markets, restaurants and shopping malls.

There has also been an increase in the number of people entering Sabah through flights since the implementation of the fourth MCO.

"This is worrying, as it shows the attitude of the public as 'resting on their laurels' although we have yet to win the war.

"The department would like to remind the public that by practising social distancing, wearing a face mask and maintaining hand hygiene, they can help contain the spread of the Covid-19 outbreak."



Health officials testing a student for Covid-19 at the Tawau Health Clinic in Tawau, Sabah, recently. PIC BY ABDUL RAHEMANG TAIMING

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Covid-19: Current situation globally
(As of 7pm May 23, 2020)

Malaysia **New cases 48** | **Total cases 7,185** | **Total deaths 115** | **Total recovered 5,912**

Asean+	India	China	Singapore	Indonesia	Japan	Philippines	S. Korea	Thailand	Vietnam	Myanmar	Brunei	Cambodia	Laos
Confirmed cases	125,149	82,971	31,068	21,745	16,513	13,777	11,165	3,040	324	201	141	124	19
Deaths	3,728	4,634	23	1,351	796	863	266	56	0	6	1	0	0
Recovered	51,824	78,258	12,995	5,249	13,005	3,177	10,194	2,916	267	116	136	122	14

Global Top 10	US	Russia	Brazil	Spain	UK	Italy	France	Germany	Turkey	Iran
Confirmed cases	1,645,353	335,882	332,382	281,904	254,195	228,658	182,219	179,713	154,500	131,652
Deaths	97,655	3,388	21,116	28,628	36,393	32,616	28,289	8,352	4,276	7,300
Recovered	403,228	107,936	135,430	196,958	N/A	136,720	64,209	159,900	116,111	102,276

Frontliners lift the gloom

Uniformed personnel brighten Raya with vibrant video and song

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PETALING JAYA: While the nation celebrates Hari Raya Aidilfitri in the new normal amid a global pandemic, Malaysia's frontliners have come out to battle the doom and gloom in a series of feel-good messages.

The police and the armed forces have come out with an electrifying music video to uplift the spirit of Malaysians during Raya while medical frontliners are sharing messages urging people to stay safe.

In a collaboration between the police and the armed forces, a music video titled *Syawal Yang Biru* (A Blue Syawal) featuring a vibrant, dance-worthy and uplifting song has been released on social media.

In the video, men and women in uniform played musical instruments, sang, snapped their fingers and swayed to a song carrying the message to be patient with the current situation and to not let past battles fought be in vain.

There is also a heart-pumping sequence in the video as the men in blue dance while rapping a message on curbing Covid-19 by practising social distancing.

"Listen to this carefully, don't look for danger, a loss cannot be replaced, an effect of one's own carelessness.



"A blue Syawal will now be celebrated, make sure there are no pressing palms or touching, for me, for you, we are one, we take care of each other, we take care of all, success is guaranteed, salute!" read the lyrics of the song, which was in Bahasa Malaysia.

At the time of writing, the video has garnered over 17,000 reactions and 1,300 comments on Facebook while on the Royal Malaysian Police YouTube channel, it has gained 46,000 views since it was

posted on Friday. Meanwhile, Hospital Kuala Lumpur frontliners are also urging the people to look after their own health and their families while practising social distancing and avoiding large gatherings this Raya.

"We wish you a new normal Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri. "In celebrating, take good care of your own health, your family's and your environment, practise social distancing and avoid large gatherings."

"Together, we break the chain of the Covid-19 pandemic infections.

"Please forgive all mistakes and may you be happy this Aidilfitri," said the hospital's corporate communications unit in its Raya message.

Frontliners from the hospital also posed for special photographs while carrying signs to greet people "Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri" and reminding them to stay safe and stay home.

New cluster emerges at Semenyih detention centre

PUTRAJAYA: A new Covid-19 cluster has emerged with 21 cases detected at the Immigration's Semenyih detention centre.

The Health Ministry said it would investigate the source of the Covid-19 outbreak at both the Semenyih and Bukit Jalil Immigration detention centres.

Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said they were looking into whether the staff members of the detention centres were the source of the disease.

"The detainees are not going anywhere, but the staff members are going in and out," he said at the ministry's daily Covid-19 press briefing yesterday.

A total of 35 cases were detected at the Bukit Jalil centre on Friday.

Dr Noor Hisham said 114 staff members from the Bukit Jalil centre and 121 from Semenyih had been tested for Covid-19 and all the results had been negative.

He said detainees who tested positive had been moved out while their close contacts had been isolated from the rest.

Dr Noor Hisham said there was a possibility that one or two of the detainees were not screened or the virus was not detected during the incubation period.

The detainees, all from the enhanced movement control order (MCO) areas, were screened on Day 1 and Day 13 of their quarantine, before being detained by the Immigration.

He noted that only those who tested negative after undergoing screening were placed at the detention centres.

Dr Noor Hisham said precautionary measures were being taken at detention centres and prisons.

Malaysia reported 48 Covid-19 cases yesterday, bringing the country's total infections to 7,185.

Out of the 48 new cases, four were imported cases while the others were local transmissions.

Dr Noor Hisham also said 53 more patients had been discharged, which means 5,912 patients have recovered from Covid-19 in Malaysia since the outbreak began.

Malaysia's Covid-19 recovery rate is now at 82.3% out of the total number of positive cases.

There are 1,158 active cases being treated at the country's health facilities at present.

There were no new deaths recorded, with the country's death toll at 115.

It's work as usual for the men in blue

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BALIK PULAU: While Muslims in the country have to forgo certain festive events this Hari Raya Aidilfitri following the prohibition of interstate balik kampung travel and house visits, such a situation is a norm for many Muslim police personnel who have to be on duty.

Inspector Mohd Kamal Abdul Wahab, 33, who joined the police force 12 years ago, said working during the festive season was normal for him and his colleagues.

"It is a sacrifice that we have to make once we join the force."

"However, even if I have to be on duty during Hari Raya, I will find time after the first week of the

month-long Raya celebration to either return to my hometown or my wife's hometown in Kedah.

"But this year, I'm not sure whether we can still make that trip because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We will see how it goes," said the narcotics police officer who hails from Sungai Siput, Perak.

Insp Kamal said his wife and two young children understood the nature of his job.

"They have become accustomed to my lifestyle as a policeman," he added.

Sjn Nor Azlina Ahmad, 37, said she felt rather sad that she and her family would not be able to visit their parents for Hari Raya this year.

"Every year, we will try to make a

trip to my husband's hometown in Kelantan and after that to my hometown in Pendang (Kedah).

"We will have to forgo our balik kampung trip for now," she said, adding that she would be celebrating Raya with her colleagues at the Balik Pulau police headquarters.

Sjn Nor Azlina, whose husband is also a police officer, said they were cool about having to work during this period, especially in times of crisis.

"Our job is to provide security to the public, even though it is at the expense of our lives."

"Celebrating Hari Raya while on duty is not new for us police personnel but this year, we need to make more sacrifices in light of Covid-19," she said.

Dance-worthy: The police and the armed forces have come out with an electrifying music video to uplift the spirit of Malaysians during Raya.

Watch the video thstartv.com



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People & Living

If you're going back to a job soon, you might wonder how Malaysian workplaces are changing because of Covid-19 or what offices will look like as we head into a "new normal". Wong Li Za talks to the experts to find out. Meanwhile with Hari Raya Aidilfitri upon us, Dzof Azmi weighs the pros and cons of Malaysia's open house culture, and Khalid Noorshah gives an insight into what the Ramadan ritual of sahur is about. Also, don't miss our series on UKM's 50th anniversary as we gather reflections from its famous alumni. Go to thestar.com.my/lifestyle/people-and-living for these stories.



Health director-general Datuk Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah is one of UKM's most celebrated alumni — Bernama

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First Covid-19 case detected in Sabah's Kota Marudu district

KOTA KINABALU: Sabah's northern Kota Marudu district, which has been a green zone since the start of the movement control order on March 18, has detected its first Covid-19 case, says state Health Department director Datuk Dr Christina Rundi.

The patient from the northern district was referred to the Likas Women and Children Hospital here after she sought treatment for a medical condition at the Kota Marudu Hospital, she said.

On being tested at the hospital here, Dr Rundi said, the patient was found positive and follow-up measures were being taken to investigate the source of the infection.

The Kota Marudu patient and a passenger returning on a commercial flight from Kuala Lumpur were among the 340 cases recorded in Sabah as of Friday.

Five deaths were reported so far and 31 are still being treated at six hospitals in the state.

Dr Rundi said the second case involved a quarantined passenger who had returned to Tawau from Kuala Lumpur.

"The patient was admitted to the Tawau district hospital after tests found him positive with Covid-19 on May 21," she said, adding that authorities were investigating the source of the infection.