

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 8
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Penularan COVID-19

Bersedia hadapi virus sering bermutasi

Dos penggalak bantu tingkat pertahanan diri daripada jangkiti

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Kuala Lumpur: Keperluan mengambil vaksin COVID-19, termasuk dos penggalak tidak boleh dipandang sebagai sesuatu yang negatif kerana ia langkah perlindungan diri daripada jangkitan virus itu yang sentiasa bermutasi.

Pakar Kesihatan Awam, Jabatan Kesihatan Komuniti, Fakulti Perubatan dan Sains Kesihatan, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Dr Aidalina Mahmud, berkata tahap keberkesanan vaksin terhadap jangkitan COVID-19 berkurangan seiring masa, justeru dos penggalak perlu untuk meningkatkan ketahanan diri.

"Virus secara semula jadiin akan bermutasi. Jika ada yang menghalang pembiakan, ia akan menukar struktur diri untuk mengatasi halangan itu dan kita tidak tahu sebanyak mana lagi virus COVID-19 ini akan bermutasi."

"Walaupun vaksin tidak menjadikan kita kebal sepenuhnya daripada virus ini, sekurang-kurangnya kita ada perlindungan daripada jangkitan, seperti kita memakai topi keledar dan tali pinggang keledar ketika memandu, yang mengurangkan kecederaan jika berlaku kemalangan," katanya kepada BH, semalam.

Data melalui laman web COVIDNOW, menunjukkan peningkatan bilangan kematian kelmarin, menjadikan jumlah keseluruhan kes kematian akibat COVID-19 di negara ini meningkat kepada 31,723 kes dengan 6,401 daripadanya kes BID.

Laman web GitHub Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) pula menunjukkan Selangor merekodkan

beliau mengulas kebimbangan segelintir masyarakat untuk mengambil dos COVID-19 yang berikutnya jika diperlukan, termasuk dos penggalak ketika ini, selepas sudah lengkap menerima dua dos suntikan.

Menyatakan, Khairy Jamaluddin, sebelum ini menasihati penerima vaksin COVID-19 supaya mengambil dos penggalak sekurang-kurangnya tiga bulan selepas menerima vaksin primer.

Ia susulan dapatan data kajian klinikal dan kajian Real World, termasuk The Real-World Evaluation of COVID-19 Vaccines Under the Malaysia National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme (RECoVaM), yang mendapati tahap keberkesanan vaksin terhadap jangkitan COVID-19 berkurangan dengan masa.

Katanya, data terkini menunjukkan varian Omicron boleh menyebabkan peningkatan penularan jangkitan, kebolehupayaan pengikatan virus yang lebih tinggi dan kelosan antibodi yang lebih tinggi, daripada imuniti yang disebabkan oleh vaksin atau jangkitan semula jadi.

Justeru, Dr Aidalina meminta mereka yang layak untuk menerima dos penggalak supaya mendapatkannya, demi kesihatan diri, keluarga dan masyarakat, sama seperti tujuan pengambilan dua dos sebelum ini.

"Jangan kita mengetahui kerana perlu divaksin lagi. Kita sedia tahu; implikasi jika tidak divaksin itu lebih besar sehingga membawa kematian."

"Kerajaan juga memberikannya secara percuma. Ramai penduduk di negara lain yang tidak mendapat vaksin terkorban walaupun hanya dijangkiti Omicron yang dikatakan kurang ga-

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Pakar Kesihatan Awam, UPM



nas daripada varian asal," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pensyarah Kanan Perubatan dan Pakar Perubatan Kesihatan Awam, Fakulti Perubatan Dan Sains Kesihatan, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), Dr Mohd Hafiz Jaafar, berkata kebaikan mengambil dos penggalak masih mengatas kebiasaan sampingan vaksin itu sendiri dan ia dibuktikan melalui data harian berkaitan kes jangkitan baharu COVID-19 di Malaysia serta seluruh dunia.

"Kajian masih dijalankan dan ini sama seperti influenza, yang mana virus berubah dan bermutasi, maka kita perlu bersiaga untuk melawan virus."

"Bagi influenzanya itu sendiri, kita masih perlu mengambil vaksin tahunan untuk melindungi diri daripada jangkitan 'disebabkan varian virus yang berbeza.'

"Dos penggalak COVID-19 ini adalah perisai untuk badan kita daripada mendapat jangkitan yang teruk," katanya.

isiko Rendah (PKRC) dan 3,322 pesakit lagi dirawat di hospital. Sementara itu, sebanyak 253,944 dos vaksin COVID-19 di berikan kelmarin, iaitu 2,152 bagi dos pertama, 3,133 dos lengkap dan 248,659 dos penggalak.

Sebagaimana terdapat dalam maklumat yang diberikan, jumlah pesakit COVID-19 yang positif pada hari ini adalah 3,198 kes positif baharu COVID-19 direkodkan setakat tengah hari semalam. Ia menjadikan sejumlah 2,795,233 kes dilaporkan setakat ini.

PPV Paradigm Mall tambah dewan

Petaling Jaya: Suasana sesak ketika pemberian dos penggalak di pusat pemberian vaksin (PPV) Paradigm Mall, di sini, kini semakin terkawal selepas pihak pengurusan menambah satu lagi dewan, Isnin lalu.

Ahli Farmasi di PPV Paradigm Mall, Nur Amira Hafiza Mohamed Tahir, berkata ini membolehkan lebih ramai menerima vaksinasi serentak.

"Saya harap mereka yang ingin mendapatkan suntikan penggalak dapat mengikuti waktu janji temu disediakan melalui MySejahtera."

"Saya lihat sukarelawan juga kelebihan. Jadi, kalau orang ramai dapat beri kerjasama, tentu urusan berjalan lancar," katanya.

Syed Fadzil Syed Nadzari, 36, turut memuji langkah PPV Paradigm Mall membuat penambahan baik bagi memastikan keselesaan pengunjung di PPV itu sehingga 26 Mac ini.

"Setakat ini, hanya saya serta ibu dan bapa baru mendapat dos penggalak dan ahli keluarga lain masih sabar menunggu janji temu melalui aplikasi MySejahtera," katanya.

Sementara itu, penerima dos penggalak yang ingin dikenali sebagai Nor Farzirah, 35, berkata pembukaan dewan tambahan di PPV Paradigm Mall dapat menjimatkan masa.

"Saya datang jam 1.20 tengah hari dan keadaan tidak sesak membolehkan vaksinasi saya selesa dalam 10 minit," katanya.



Orang ramai beratur untuk mendapatkan dos penggalak di pusat beli-belah Paradigm Mall, semalam.
(Foto Azizah Azmee/BH)

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 9
RUANGAN : COVID-19

27 kes kematian dicatat kelmarin

Putrajaya: Ancaman Covid-19 belum reda apabila Malaysia merekodkan 27 lagi kematian akibat Covid-19 termasuk sembilan kematian di luar fasiliti kesihatan (BID) setakat tengah malam kelmarin.

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Laman sesawang GitHub Kementerian Kesihatan

(KKM) pula menunjukkan Selangor merekodkan kematian akibat Covid-19 tertinggi kelmarin iaitu sembilan kes, diikuti empat kematian masing-masing di Johor dan Terengganu.

Sabah dan Kuala Lumpur masing-masing mencatat tiga kematian serta masing-masing satu kematian di Kelantan, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan dan Pahang.

Sehingga tengah malam juga, sebanyak 97.8 peratus populasi dewasa negara sudah divaksin manakala 88 peratus populasi remaja berusia 12 hingga 17 tahun juga sudah melengkapkan vaksinasi masing-masing.

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Kota Kinabalu: Hampir 20 peratus daripada jumlah kes harian Covid-19 di Sabah, kelmarin membabitkan kanak-kanak di bawah umur 12 tahun.

Jurucakap perkembangan harian Covid-19 Sabah Datuk Masidi Manjun berkata, ia membabitkan 50 kes daripada sejumlah 253 kes harian, dengan kanak-kanak itu tidak layak menerima vaksin.

Katanya, kadar jangkitan terhadap kanak-kanak itu disifatkan agak tinggi dan membimbangkan.

"Diharapkan semua ibu

bapa dan juga guru di sekolah mengambil langkah

agar dapat mengurangkan risiko jangkitan ke atas me-

Jangkitan terhadap kanak-kanak di Sabah membimbangkan



satu angka iaitu empat kes dengan masing-masing satu di Tawau, Pitas, Tambunan dan Kota Belud.

"Bilangan pesakit Covid-19 sembuh ialah 288 menjadikan jumlah kumulatif 235,692 orang, manakala 748 pesakit sedang menerima rawatan iaitu 419 orang di hospital, 327 orang di Pusat Kuarantin dan Rawatan Berisiko Rendah (PKRC) Awam dan dua di Pusat Tahanan Sementara (PTS)," katanya.

reka yang masih belum la-
yak menerima vaksin ini,"
katanya dalam kenyataan
dikeluarkan, semalam.

Dalam pada itu, Masidi
berkata, jumlah kematian
akibat pandemik itu hanya

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO
MUKA SURAT : 10
RUANGAN : COVID-19

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Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) melaksanakan risikan dan pemantauan secara menyeluruh bagi mengesan pihak lain yang dipercuryai melakukan penjualan sijil vaksin Covid-19 palsu di seluruh negeri.

Tidak menolak kemungkinan wujud sindiket penjualan itu, Ketua Polis Negera Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani mengarahkan semua kontinjen negeri menjalankan siasatan.

"Setakat ini siasatan di Terengganu mengesan sindiket yang diusahakan satu individu, tapi kita tak pasti wujud lagi perkara sama di negeri lain."

"Saya mengarahkan semua Jabatan Siasatan Jena-

Risik sindiket tipu vaksin

Polis siasat kemungkinan wujud penjualan sijil palsu di negeri lain



88% populasi remaja lengkap vaksinasi

Kuala Lumpur: Sebanyak 2,768,673 atau 88 peratus daripada populasi remaja di negara ini lengkap menerima vaksin Covid-19 setakat 11.59 malam kelmarin.

Berdasarkan data Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) menerusi laman Covidnow, 2,858,109 atau 90.8 peratus daripada kumpulan berusia antara 12 hingga 17 tahun itu sudah menerima sekurang-kurangnya satu dos vaksin Covid-19.

Sementara itu, menurut portal Github KKM, 27 kes kematian direkodkan kelmarin, dengan sembilan daripadanya kematian di luar hospital. -Bernama

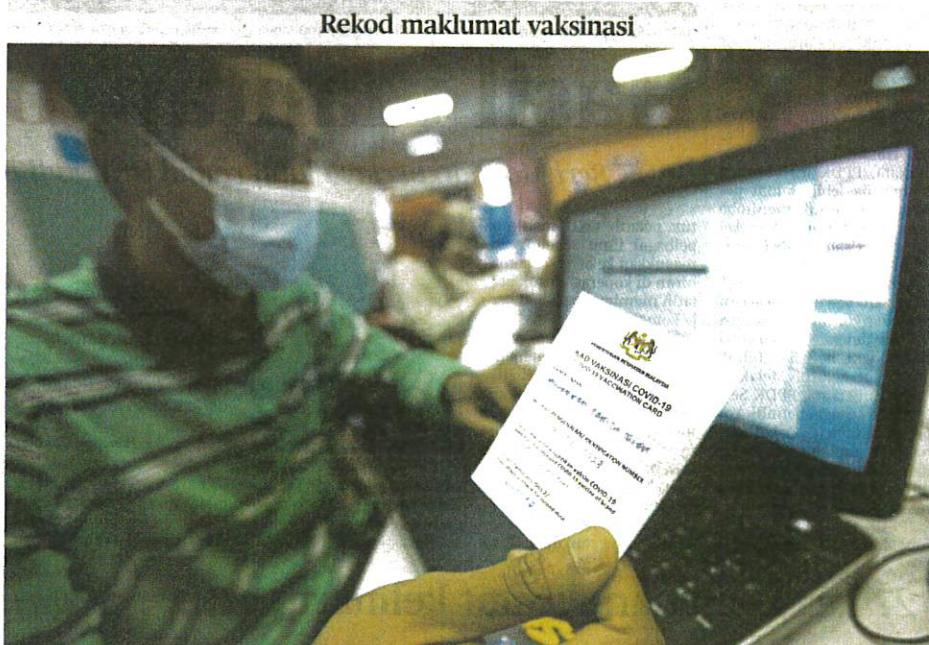
Lanjut waktu suntikan dos penggalak di Labuan

Labuan: Waktu operasi pemberian suntikan dos penggalak di Labuan dilanjutkan sehingga jam 8 malam, berbanding 5 petang sebelum ini, dari Isnin hingga Jumaat, bermula jam 8 pagi hingga 4 petang.

Katanya, 22,936 golongan dewasa menerima suntikan dos penggalak daripada jumlah keseluruhan 72,000 orang dewasa yang layak menerima suntikan dos penggalak setakat 11 Januari.

Katanya, purata yang mengunjungi pusat pemberian vaksin sekitar 800 hingga 1,000 orang setiap hari.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Petugas Khas Imunisasi Covid-19 (CITF) Rithuan Ismail berkata, pemberian dos penggalak dipercepatkan berikutkan kemunculan varian baharu Omicron di pulau itu. - Bernama



PETUGAS memasukkan maklumat ke dalam sistem sebelum menyerahkan kad vaksinasi Covid-19 kepada penerima vaksin ketika tinjauan di sebuah Pusat Pemberi Vaksin (PPV) di Butterworth, semalam.

RASUAH TIJUJUH HARI

Pembantu pejabat direman tujuh hari

Kota Kinabalu: Seorang pembantu pejabat direman tujuh hari bagi membantu siasatan dakaun menerima rasuah daripada orang awam bagi tujuan pendaftran Sijil Digital Vaksinasi Covid-19 di dalam aplikasi MySejahtera pada Oktober tahun lalu.

Perintah reman itu dieluarkan Majistret Jessica Ombou Kakayun di sini, semalam selepas membenarkan permohonan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia

(SPRM). Lelaki berusia 31 tahun itu ditahan jam 1.30 tengah hari kelmarin di pejabat SPRM, di sini, ketika hadi untuk memberi keterangan.

Lelaki berusia 31 tahun itu ditahan jam 1.30 tengah hari kelmarin

Suspek dipercuryai memberi rasuah kepada sukarelawan di satu pusat pemberian vaksin sebagai balasan mendaftarkan nama individu yang tidak menerima suntikan vaksin Covid-19 bagi mendapatkan sijil digital berkenaan. -Bernama

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 11

RUANGAN : LOKAL

DOKTOR JUAL SIJIL VAKSINASI

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Kuala Terengganu

Bberapa individu termasuk mereka yang pernah mendapatkan perkhidmatan sijil vaksinasi dipercayai palsu di sebuah klinik



REALAN suspek berakhir hari ini.

swasta di Marang bersedia menjadi saksi kes berkenaan.

Ketua Polis Terengganu Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa berkata, semua mereka juga tampil secara sukarela bagi membantu siasatan kes penjualan sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 itu.

Katanya, setakat ini, siasatan kes ber-

kenaan berjalan lancar dan pihaknya bekerjasama rapat dengan Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Terengganu (JKNT) untuk membuat semakan menerusi MySejahtera.

"Buat masa ini, lima orang memberi persetujuan untuk menjadi saksi dalam kes ini apabila mereka mengaku tidak divaksin, tetapi telah mendapatkan vaksin dan mengesahkan mereka telah divaksin untuk dos pertama."

"Ada antara mereka ini memberi persetujuan melalui telefon dan mengaku baru menerima suntikan pertama dan kita akan buat semakna selepas ini."

"Kita berharap lebih ramai individu tampil secara sukarela bagi membantu siasatan kerana kita tidak mampu mengesahkan kesemua yang terbabit," katanya ketika ditemui di Ibu Pejabat Polis Kontinen (IPK) di sini, semalam.

Terdahulu, Rohaimi menyaksikan majlis serah terima tugas Timbalan Ketua Polis (TKP) Terengganu antara mantan TKP Senior

Asisten Komisioner (SAC) Norhalid Kimi dan TKP baharu SAC Wan Rukman Wan Hassan.

Media sebelum ini melaporkan polis Terengganu membongkar kegiatan penjualan sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 dipercayai palsu dengan merampas hampir 100 keping kad peringatan (janji temu) vaksinasi.

Kegiatan itu terbongkar susulan serbuan sepasukan pegawai dan anggota Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial yang membawa kepada penahanan suspek pada Sabtu lalu.

Lima orang memberi persetujuan untuk menjadi saksi Rohaimi



Suspek bakal dibebas dengan jaminan polis

Md Isa berkata, ini berikutnya tempoh reman terhadap suspek berusia 51 tahun yang bertugas di klinik swasta di Marang, berakhir hari ini.

Menurutnya, lelaki itu yang juga suspek utama kes berkenaan akan diberi jaminan polis sementara menunggu arahan lanjut daripada pihak pendakwaan.

"Siasatan berjalan lancar apabila Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial (JSJK) Terengganu akan menguruskan siasatan lanjut di mana barang-barang kes yang dirampas seperti komputer riba dan telefon bimbit akan dihantar kepada Bahagian Foresik JSJK Bukit Aman.

"Insya-Allah, barang-barang kes itu akan dihantar ke sana esok (hari ini)," katanya ketika ditemui di Ibu Pejabat Polis Kontinen (IPK) Terengganu, di sini, semalam.

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Rohaimi

Aktiviti keluar masuk Felda punca PKPD

Hulu Selangor: Pergerakan keluar masuk dan lokasi kediaman berhampiran antara satu sama lain dipercayai menjadi punca kebanyakannya kawasan Lemba Kawalan Persekutuan (Felda) dikenakan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan Diperketatkan (PKPD).

Pengerusinya Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh berkata, kawasan Felda ibarat sebagai 'taman' yang sering dikunjungi oleh orang awam.

"Ia didatangi orang luar yang biasa masuk ke kawasan itu dan amat (berhubung) rapat dengan penduduk," katanya, semalam.

Beliau berkata demikian pada sidang media selepas melakukan majlis prape-lancaran Felda Digital Maker Hub Coding dan Robotic di Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Gedangsa, dekat sini.

Sehubungan itu, beliau menasihatkan penduduk Felda di seluruh negara supaya mengambil langkah berjaga-jaga terhadap penularan Covid-19 supaya tidak merebak dalam ko-



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Idris

muniti.

Pada 4 Januari lalu, media melaporkan PKPD dilaksanakan di Felda Keratong 5, Rompin, Pahang bermula 6 Januari lalu sehingga 19 Januari ini.

AKHBAR : KOSMO

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEGARA

Kemasukan ke hospital meningkat lima peratus

PUTRAJAYA – Negara mencatatkan peningkatan sebanyak lima peratus kemasukan kes Covid-19 ke hospital sepanjang tempoh tujuh hari lalu dengan kadar penggunaan katil sebanyak 66 peratus serta purata 922 kes diwadkan.

Menurut data COVIDNOW, peningkatan kemasukan kes ke hospital turut melibatkan tujuh negeri dengan yang tertinggi Labuan (100 peratus), diikuti Kuala Lumpur (75 peratus) dan Putrajaya (18 peratus).

"Selebihnya, Sabah (15 peratus), Selangor (10 peratus), Melaka (sembilan peratus), Johor (enam peratus), Pahang (tiga peratus) dan Perak (tiga pera-

tus)," katanya semalam.

Berhubung kematian Covid-19, sebanyak 27 kes dilaporkan, menjadikan jumlah kematian terkini mencatatkan sebanyak 31,723 kes serta tiada kematian dicatatkan dalam tempoh 24 jam kelmarin.

Terdapat sembilan kes meninggal dunia di luar hospital atau *brought-in-dead* (BID), dengan jumlah kes BID sehingga kini sebanyak 6,401 kes.

Sementara itu, Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah berkata, sebanyak 3,198 kes jangkitan baharu Covid-9 dilaporkan semalam, menjadikan jumlah kumulatif sebanyak 2,795,233 kes.

AKHBAR : KOSMO

MUKA SURAT : 9

RUANGAN : NEGARA

Polis seru lebih ramai tampil bagi bantu siasatan

Lima individu beli sijil palsu serah diri

KUALA TERENGGANU — Lima individu yang dipercaya membeli sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 palsu daripada seorang doktor di Marang dekat sini tampil bagi membantu siasatan kes tersebut.

Ketua Polis Terengganu, Datuk Rohaimi Md. Isa berkata, semua mereka mengaku berurusan dengan suspek yang juga doktor sebuah klinik berusia 51 tahun untuk mendapatkan sijil berkenaan.

"Mereka tampil secara sukarela untuk membantu siasatan berhubung penahanan seorang doktor klinik swasta.

"Kelima-lima mereka mengaku membuat pembayaran kepada suspek untuk mendapatkan sijil palsu sedangkan tidak pernah menerima suntikan vaksin Covid-19," katanya ketika ditemui di sini semalam.

Terdahulu, Rohaimi hadir pada majlis serah tugas Timbalan Ketua Polis Terengganu, Senior Asisten Komisioner Wan Rukman Wan Hassan di Ibu Pejabat Polis Kontinen Terengganu di sini.

Menurut Rohaimi, kelima-lima individu itu bersedia secara sukarela untuk memberi keterangan bagi melengkapkan siasatan seterusnya menjadi saksi untuk kes berkenaan.

Sehubungan itu, beliau meminta lebih ramai individu yang membela atau berurus niaga dengan suspek supaya tampil secara sukarela bagi membantu siasatan.

"Setakat ini, siasatan berhubung kes itu berjalan lancar dan kita menjalin kerjasama bersama Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Terengganu (JKNT) bagi membanteras kegiatan ini.

"Usaha mengesan saki baki individu yang terlibat dalam kes itu



ROHAIMI meminta lebih ramai pembeli sijil vaksinasi palsu tampil untuk membantu siasatan.



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termasuk secara digital menerusi aplikasi MySejahtera sedang giat dijalankan," katanya.

Dalam perkembangan sama, Rohami menambah, doktor yang menjadi suspek utama kes tersebut berkemungkinan dibebaskan dengan jaminan polis setelah perintah remannya tamat hari ini.

"Kita masih menunggu arahan

daripada Pejabat Pendakwa Raya untuk tindakan selanjutnya," katanya.

Kosmo! pada 11 Januari lalu melaporkan kegiatan seorang doktor sebuah klinik swasta menjalankan aktiviti mengeluarkan dan menjual sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 palsu kepada golongan antivaksin sejak September lalu berakhir selepas dia ditahan di Marang baru-baru ini.

Lelaki berusia 51 tahun itu ditangkap pada Sabtu lalu dan polis merampas kira-kira 1,900 surat kebenaran yang telah diisi oleh pelanggan klinik berkenaan selain sijil vaksinasi dipercaya palsu, komputer riba dan telefon bimbit.

Siasatan mendapat suspek yang juga pemilik klinik mengenakan caj RM400 dan RM600 bagi setiap sijil vaksinasi palsu dengan kebanyakannya pelanggannya beralamat di Kuala Lumpur dan Kedah.

JSJ, JSJK siasat sindiket kaut untung jual sijil palsu

KUALA LUMPUR — Polis akan menjalankan risikan bagi mengesan sindiket yang mengait keuntungan dengan menjual sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 palsu.

Ketua Polis Negara, Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani berkata, pihaknya telah mengarahkan Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah (JSJ) dan Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial (JSJK) Bukit Aman untuk menyiasat kegiatan tidak bertanggungjawab tersebut.

"Setakat ini, kita telah menjalankan siasatan dan mengenal pasti seterusnya menahan se-

orang individu (doktor) di Marang, Terengganu berhubung kes menawarkan sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 palsu.

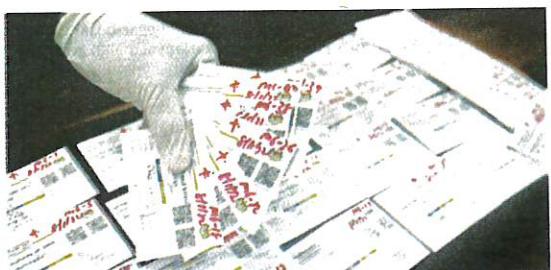
"Kita tidak pasti sama ada perkara sama berlaku di negeri lain, namun siasatan lanjut akan dilaksanakan," katanya pada sidang akbar selepas Program Pendidikan dan Kemahiran Awal Murid Autisme di Pusat Latihan Polis Kuala Lumpur di sini semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Acryl Sani memberitahu, pihaknya memandang serius kegiatan itu

kerana perbuatan tersebut boleh merencanakan usaha kerajaan dalam mengawal penularan wabak Covid-19.

"Kita tidak mahu melihat langkah kerajaan dalam membendung wabak Covid-19 terhalang dengan tindakan segelintir pihak yang tidak bertanggungjawab ini," ujarnya.

Sebelum ini, Pengarah JSJK Bukit Aman, Datuk Kamarudin Md. Din memaklumkan, setakat ini terdapat satu kes dikesan membabitkan penawaran sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 palsu.



SIJIL vaksinasi Covid-19 palsu yang dirampas di sebuah klinik di Marang, Terengganu baru-baru ini.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 2
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Perak pantau walau belum terima laporan

IPOH - Kerajaan Perak tetap memantau kes penjualan sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 palsu di negeri ini meskipun belum menerima laporan daripada mana-mana pihak.

Exco Kesihatan, Sains, Alam Sekitar dan Teknologi Hijau, Mohd Akmal Kamarudin berkata, pemantauan dijalankan Jabatan Kesihatan negeri bersama polis bagi pengesahan awal kegiatan berkenaan.

"Setakat ini, kejadian sedemikian tidak dilaporkan berlaku di negeri ini. Bagaimanapun, sudah pasti kita jalankan pemantauan."

"Sekarang pun pihak JKN bersama polis menjalankan pemeriksaan termasuk menerusi pejabit kesihatan daerah," katanya ketika ditemui pada majlis penyerahan sumbangan alat bantuan pernafasan di Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun (HRPB) di sini pada Rabu.

Menurut beliau, kerajaan negeri memandang serius isu sijil vaksin palsu seperti yang berlaku di Terengganu dan tidak akan berkompromi dengan mana-mana pihak yang terlibat.

"Dengan pemantauan rapi dibuat, kita harap tidak adalah, sekiranya berlaku (di Perak), kita jamin tindakan tegas akan diambil dengan segera," katanya.

Media sebelum ini melaporkan polis Terengganu berjaya membongkar kegiatan penjualan sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 dipercayai palsu dengan merampas hampir 100 keping kad peringatan (temu janji) vaksinasi.

Kegiatan itu terbongkar susulan serbuan sepasukan pegawai dan anggota Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial yang membawa kepada penahanan suspek pada Sabtu.

Suspek dipercayai melakukan perbuatan itu sejak September tahun lalu selepas klinik berkenaan mendapat kebenaran mengendalikan suntikan vaksinasi secara berbayar.

Dalam tempoh berkenaan, lebih 1,900 sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 dijual pada kadar bayaran antara RM400 hingga RM600.



MOHD AKMAL

JSJ, JSJK Bukit Aman diarahkan kesan sindiket jual sijil vaksin palsu

Oleh AHMAD ISMADI ISMAIL

KUALA LUMPUR

Ketua Polis Negara, Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani telah mengarahkan Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah (JSJ) dan Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial (JSJK) Bukit Aman menjalankan risikan dan mengesan sindiket yang terlibat dalam aktiviti penjualan sijil vaksin Covid-19 palsu di seluruh negara.

Acryl Sani berkata, pihaknya memandang serius terhadap tindakan kumpulan atau individu yang menjalankan aktiviti penjualan sijil vaksin palsu berkenaan.

"Setakat ini, kita telah menahan seorang individu di Marang, Terengganu berkaitan penawaran sijil vaksin palsu," katanya da-

lam sidang akbar pada Program Pendidikan dan Kemahiran Awal Murid Autisme di Pusat Latihan Polis Kuala Lumpur di sini pada Rabu.

Acryl Sani berkata, beliau tidak menolak kemungkinan sindiket sedemikian wujud di negeri-negeri lain.

"Oleh demikian, saya telah mengerahkan ketua-ketua Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah (JSJ) kontinen negeri melalui Pengarah JSJ Bukit Aman (Datuk Seri Abd Jalil Hassan) dan Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial Bukit Aman (Datuk Mohd Kamarudin Md Din) untuk menjalankan risikan.

"Risikan berkenaan adalah untuk mengesan sama ada terdapat lagi perkara sama (kes penjualan



ACRYL SANI

sijil vaksinasi palsu) berlaku di tempat-tempat lain," kataiyah.

Menurutnya, perkara itu wajar dipandang serius kerana ia menghalang usaha kerajaan mengawal wabak Covid-19.

"Kita tidak mahu melihat langkah kerajaan membendung pandemik terhalang dengan tindakan segerinti pihak yang tidak bertanggungjawab," kata beliau.

Selasa lalu, Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial Bukit Aman, Datuk Kamarudin Md Din memaklumkan, setakat ini hanya satu kes dikesan berhubungan aktiviti penawaran sijil vaksin palsu.

Suspek merupakan seorang pengamal perubatan berusia 51 tahun ditahan di Marang, Terengganu kerana disyaki menjalankan aktiviti penjualan sijil vaksin Covid-19 tanpa memberikan suntikan vaksin sebenar.

Suspek berkenaan direman sejak Sabtu lalu hingga esok bagi membantu siasatan di bawah Seksyen 420 Kanun Kesejahteraan kerana melakukan penipuan.

Kamarudin berkata, orang ramai yang mempunyai maklumat berkenaan kegiatan itu digesa menyalurkan maklumat tersebut kepada polis.

Pembantu pejabat direman 7 hari

KOTA KINABALU - Seorang pembantu pejabat direman tujuh hari bermula Selasa bagi membantu siasatan dakwaan menerima rasuah daripada orang awam bagi tujuan pendaftaran sijil digital vaksinasi Covid-19 dalam aplikasi MySejahtera pada Oktober tahun lepas.

Perintah reman itu dikeluarkan Majistret Jessica Ombou Kakayun di sini pada Rabu, selepas membenarkan permohonan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan

Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM).

Lelaki berusia 31 tahun itu ditahan kira-kira jam 1.30 tengah hari Selasa di pejabat SPRM di sini ketika hadir memberi keterangan.

Suspek dipercayai memberi rasuah kepada sukarelawan di satu pusat pemberian vaksin sebagai balasan mendaftar nama individu yang tidak menerima suntikan vaksin Covid-19 bagi mendapatkan sijil digital berkenaan. - Bernama



Seorang pembantu pejabat direman tujuh di Kota Kinabalu pada Rabu.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN
MUKA SURAT : 3
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Lima pelanggan sedia jadi saksi

Kes doktor klinik swasta jual sijil vaksin di Marang

Oleh RAHAYU MUSTAFA

KUALA TERENGGANU

Polis telah mengenal pasti beberapa individu yang pernah berurusan untuk mendapatkan vaksin Covid-19 daripada seorang doktor klinik swasta di Marang yang ditahan polis Sabtu lalu.

Ketua Polis Terengganu, Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa berkata, buat masa ini lima individu sudah bersetuju menjadi saksi dan mereka akan dipanggil memberi keterangan bagi membantu siasatan kes.

"Semua mereka mengaku tidak divaksin tapi telah menerima kad vaksin mengesahkan mereka sudah disuntik dos pertama vaksin Covid-19. Mereka



Seorang doktor sebuah klinik swasta berusia 51 tahun direman sehingga Khamis ini bagi membantu siasatan berhubung dakwaan menjual sijil vaksinasi Covid-19 palsu di Marang.

juga sudah membuat bayaran kepada suspek," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas hadir ke Majlis Serah Terima Tugas Timbalan Ketua Polis Terengganu di Dewan Redang, Ibu Pejabat Polis Kontinen

(IPK) Terengganu di sini pada Rabu.

Pada majlis itu, Senior Asisten Komisioner Norhalid Kimi yang bersara wajib pada Rabu menyerahkan jawatan Timbalan Ketua Polis Terengganu kepada Senior

Asisten Wan Rukman Wan Hassan yang sebelum ini bertugas sebagai Ketua Penolong Pengarah (Bahagian Dasar Sumber Manusia) Pembangunan Kerja Jabatan Pengurusan Ibu Pejabat Polis Bukit Aman.

Menurut Rohaimi, polis sedang bekerjasama dengan beberapa agensi lain termasuk Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Terengganu (JKNT) untuk mengesan lebih ramai individu mendapat sijil vaksinasi tanpa suntikan di klinik swasta berkenaan.

Sehubungan itu, beliau berharap mereka yang mendapat vaksin Covid-19 di klinik swasta itu tampil secara sukarela bagi membantu siasatan kerana jumlah individu mengisi surat kebenaran vaksin melebihi 1,900 orang.

Rohaimi berkata, setakat ini siasatan berjalan lancar dan suspek utama berusia 51 tahun akan dibebaskan dengan jaminan polis pada Khamis sementara menunggu arahan pihak pendakwa

raya selepas tempoh reman berakhir.

"Kita akan hantar barang-barang kes seperti komputer riba dan telefon bimbit ke Bahagian Forensik Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Komersial (JSJK) Bukit Aman esok untuk dianalisis di sana," katanya.

Polis Terengganu pada Isnin membongkar kegiatan seorang doktor antivaksin mengeluarkan sijil vaksinasi palsu kepada individu yang enggan disuntik vaksin Covid-19 susulan maklumat daripada orang awam berhubung aktiviti terbabit.

Penjualan sijil vaksin palsu itu dipromosikan dan dijalankan secara dalam talian kepada golongan antivaksin selain mengupah beberapa ejen dengan bayaran RM50 bagi setiap pelanggan.

Klinik swasta yang mengendalikan suntikan vaksinasi secara berbayar sejak September lalu itu menawarkan bayaran antara RM400 hingga RM600 kepada pelanggan.

Pengembara lengkap vaksinasi pernah dijangkiti Covid-19 tak perlu kuarantin

PUTRAJAYA - Pengembara yang pernah dijangkiti Covid-19 dalam tempoh 11 hingga 60 hari dan telah lengkap vaksinasi Covid-19 tidak perlu menjalani kuarantin wajib.

Bagaimanapun Menteri Kesihatan, Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar berkata, mereka masih perlu melakukan ujian pengesanan Covid-19 menggunakan RTK-Antigen (RTK-Ag) di hadapan petugas kesihatan kerajaan atau swasta yang ditempatkan di pintu masuk antara-bangsa (PMA).



KHAIRY

"Bagi pengembara yang belum merima vaksinasi lengkap atau tidak divaksinasi, kuarantin wajib tujuh hari perlulah dilaksanakan di stesen kuarantin selain melakukan ujian pengesanan Covid-19 menggunakan RTK-Ag di hadapan petugas kesihatan kerajaan atau swasta yang ditempatkan di PMA," katanya dalam kenyataan pada Rabu.

Menurutnya, kesemua ketetapan terkini bagi prosedur kemasukan ke Malaysia oleh pengembara yang pernah dijangkiti Covid-19 berkait kuasa Khamis ini.

"Bagi pengembara yang tidak pernah dijangkiti Covid-19, ketetapan semasa masih terpakai," katanya.

Beliau berkata, KKM masih mengamalkan prosedur kawalan sempatan termasuk pengujian dan kuarantin atas pengembara yang tiba ke Malaysia.

"Ini bagi mengurangkan risiko pengimportan kes jangkitan Covid-19 dan mengelakkan berlakunya penularan jangkitan virus ter-

sebut," katanya.

Khairy berkata, kerajaan mengambil pendekatan menetapkan pengembara yang telah dijangkiti Covid-19 mengemukakan bukti ujian makmal secara beretek atau digital sebelum berlepas ke Malaysia.

"Mereka yang mempunyai sejarah kemasukan ke hospital kerana dijangkiti Covid-19 perlulah mengemukakan surat *Fit to Travel* daripada pengamal perubatan di hospital terabdi," katanya.

Tambah beliau, pengembara yang menjalani isolasi atau pengasingan di tempat kediaman termasuk hotel kerana dijangkiti Covid-19, perlulah menjalani ujian sarfangan RTK-Ag profesional dalam tempoh dua hari sebelum berlepas ke Malaysia.

"Hanya individu dengan keputusan negatif dibenarkan meneruskan perjalanan.

"Kesemua dokumen berkaitan hendaklah dibawa dan ditunjukkan kepada pihak berkuasa penerbangan dan kesihatan di pintu masuk, sekiranya diminta," ujarnya.

Beliau berkata, pengembara perlu mematuhi keperluan lain seperti memuat

turun dan mengisi deklarasi dalam MySejahtera.

"Sepanjang berada di Malaysia, pengembara diingatkan sentiasa mengamalkan norma baharu dan mematuhi prosedur yang telah ditetapkan," kata Khairy.

AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA
MUKA SURAT : 5
RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI



SEBAHAGIAN orang awam yang hadir pada temu janji vaksin Covid-19 beratur untuk mendapatkan suntikan dos penggalak di Kolej Vision, Kelana Jaya, semalam. - UTUSAN/AMIR KHALID

Selagi belum ada penawar sebenar Covid-19

Varian baharu akan terus muncul - Pakar

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PETALING JAYA: Varian baharu Covid-19 seperti Omicron akan terus muncul pada masa akan datang selagi belum ada vaksin yang benar-benar mampu mengekang penularan virus tersebut.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, pakar virologi Universiti Malaya (UM), Prof. Dr. Sazaly Abu Bakar berkata, virus mempunyai sifat semula jadi untuk terus berevolusi dengan mewujudkan varian baharu, menyergang sesiapa sahaja yang mempunyai sistem imunisasi rendah tidak kira individu itu belum atau sudah divaksin.

"Kemunculan varian baharu ini sebenarnya perkara biasa, virus sentiasa berevolusi kepada

varian baharu, tetapi varian biasanya tidak membikai dengan meluas, ia tidak kekal lama dan akhirnya akan mati.

"Contohnya, Omicron muncul di Afrika kerana penghidap HIV, varian itu menjangkiti mereka yang mempunyai sistem yang imun rendah, jadi lebih sukar untuk mengekang virus baharu ini kerana ramai yang menghidap HIV," katanya.

Beliau mengulas kemunculan beberapa varian baharu seperti Omicron dan terma baharu seperti Flurona dan Deltacron, hasil gabungan Delta dan Omicron walaupun belum disahkan oleh Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO).

Bagaimanapun, katanya, kemunculan varian baharu bukanlah disebabkan masih ada

golongan yang belum divaksin, tetapi kerana belum ada manama pihak yang menemukan penawar Covid-19.

"Kemunculan varian baharu tidak ada kena mengena dengan golongan belum vaksin, vaksin sebenarnya sekadar mengurangkan kadar jangkitan tahap tiga dan empat, tetapi tidak mampu menghalang virus sepenuhnya."

"Jadi, sesiapa sahaja tetap boleh dijangkiti walaupun ambil vaksin kelima, keenam, ketujuh atau kelapan sekali pun. Ini berdasarkan kepakanan dan sains, kerana masih tidak ada vaksin yang mampu mengekang virus ini," katanya.

Tambahnya, varian baharu juga boleh muncul disebabkan komorbiditi seseorang individu tersebut.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES
MUKA SURAT : 4
RUANGAN : NEWS / NATION

ORDER TO CHECK IF SYNDICATES INVOLVED

POLICE PROBING FAKE VAX CERTS

IGP says cops will not allow such activity to derail country's efforts against Covid-19

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THE Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department and state CCIDs have been instructed to track down any syndicate selling fake Covid-19 vaccine certificates.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani said he gave the order following the arrest of a 51-year-old doctor in Terengganu for allegedly issuing fake certificates without vaccinating the patients.

Acryl Sani said police would not tolerate this offence, which could worsen the Covid-19 pandemic.

"This is the only case we know and the suspect is in custody. We will not let these activities derail the country's efforts against Covid-19."

He said he had instructed state CCID heads and Bukit Aman Commercial Crime Investigation Department director Datuk Mohd Kamarudin Md Din to conduct intelligence work.

"Terengganu police have investigated, identified and arrested a suspect in Marang for allegedly



Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani (back row, left) witnessing Yayasan Bank Rakyat chairman Datuk Megat Zulkarnain Omardin handing over aid to children at the Autism Pupils Early Education and Training Programme at the Kuala Lumpur Police Training Centre yesterday. PIC BY AZIAH AZMEE

selling fake vaccination certificates.

"We have yet to confirm if similar activities are taking place in other states."

"But we've launched investigations and surveillance over the matter."

He said this after attending the Autism Pupils Early Education and Training Programme at the

Kuala Lumpur Police Training Centre yesterday.

On Tuesday, Kamarudin said there was only one case of fake Covid-19 vaccination certificate.

It was reported that acting on a tip-off, police had raided a private clinic in Marang, Terengganu on Saturday.

A 51-year-old doctor was detained. Police confiscated more

than 100 vaccination appointment cards, documents, a laptop and a mobile phone.

Police said investigations showed those who wished to get a fake certificate paid between RM400 and RM600.

About 1,900 people, including those residing outside the state, had been dealing with the clinic for vaccination since September

last year.

Police on Tuesday obtained an extension remand order against the suspect until today to investigate the case for cheating.

Police are working with the Terengganu Health Department and the Health Ministry to track down those who had dealings with the clinic to check their vaccination status.

Doctor to be released on police bail today

KUALA TERENGGANU: The doctor, 51, of a private clinic arrested for alleged involvement in the sale of fake Covid-19 vaccination certificates will be released on police bail today, pending instructions from the deputy public prosecutor (DPP) over the case.

Terengganu police chief Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa said this followed the end of the remand order today against the doctor, who works at a private clinic in Marang near here.

The suspect, he said, would be released on police bail pending

instruction from the DPP.

"Investigations into the case are proceeding."

"God willing, the items seized will be sent to the Federal Commercial Crime Investigation Department's Forensic Division tomorrow (today)," he said at the state police headquarters here yesterday.

Earlier, he witnessed the passing of the baton between outgoing state police deputy chief Senior Assistant Commissioner Norhalid Kimi and his successor Senior Assistant Commissioner Wan Rukman Wan Hassan.



Terengganu police chief Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa (centre) witnessing the handing over of duties between outgoing deputy police chief Senior Assistant Commissioner Norhalid Kimi (left) and Senior Assistant Commissioner Wan Rukman Wan Hassan in Kuala Terengganu yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

Man remanded over bribe

KOTA KINABALU: A Sabahan, who allegedly bribed a staff member at a vaccination centre with RM2,250 to issue vaccine certificates on MySejahtera to three unvaccinated people, has been remanded for seven days.

The jobless man, who is allegedly a middleman for a syndicate, was arrested on Tuesday.

Yesterday, he was brought before magistrate Jessica Ombou Kakayun for a remand order.

Police had applied for a seven-day remand.

The suspect, who was not represented, requested a shorter remand as his parents were not well.

AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES
MUKA SURAT : 6
RUANGAN : NEWS / NATION

3,198 COVID-19 INFECTIONS

National Rt climbs back to 1.0

KUALA LUMPUR: The national infectivity rate, Rt, climbed to 1.00 on Tuesday, said Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

There were six places with an Rt above 1.0 on Jan 11, namely Labuan (1.12), Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur (1.08), Sabah (1.07), Melaka (105) and Negeri Sembilan (1.04).

They are followed by Kedah with an Rt of 1.0, Selangor (0.99), Johor, Kelantan and Pahang (0.98), Penang (0.97), Perak (0.94), Perlis (0.90), Sarawak (0.89) and Terengganu (0.85).

Rt shows the average number of people who will contract the disease from a single infected person.

The last time the country reported a Rt above 1.0 was on Nov 12 (1.04), with 6,517 daily cases registered.

The Rt stayed above 1.0 for

more than a week before it declined starting Nov 24.

Meanwhile, 27 deaths were reported on Tuesday, including nine brought-in-dead (BID) cases, taking the national toll to 31,723.

There were nine fatalities in Selangor, four each in Johor and Terengganu, three each in Sabah and Kuala Lumpur, and one each in Kelantan, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan and Pahang.

There were two BID cases each in Sabah and Selangor, and one each in Johor, Kelantan, Negeri Sembilan, Terengganu, and Kuala Lumpur.

The current fatality rate in Malaysia is 0.6 per cent; eight deaths were reported per million people in the past two weeks.

Yesterday, 3,198 new infections were reported, taking the national toll to 2,795,233. It marks the second consecutive day of daily

cases breaching the 3,000 mark with 3,175 infections reported on Monday.

Tuesday's data showed 272 imported cases, with 129 in Kuala Lumpur, 79 in Selangor, 18 in Johor, eight in Perak, six each in Melaka, Pahang and Penang, five in Kelantan, four each in Negeri Sembilan and Putrajaya, three each in Kedah and Terengganu, and one in Sabah.

Four new clusters — two high-risk groups, one religious and one workplace — were detected in Johor and Selangor on Tuesday.

The two high-risk groups were identified in Johor (Jalan Berlian) and Selangor (Jalan Aui).

The religious cluster, Pulai Perdana Tiga, in Johor Baru and Kulai, Johor, has 47 positive cases. The workplace cluster, Jalan 1/5 Semenyih, in Hulu Langat, Se-



People queuing to register for the Covid-19 booster dose at Paradigm Mall in Petaling Jaya yesterday. PIC BY AZIAH AZMEE

langor, has 21 confirmed cases.

Active cases have climbed to 39,913.

Currently, 66.3 per cent of hospital beds nationwide are

being used.

Up to Tuesday, 130 patients were being treated in intensive care units, with 99 of them on ventilators.

AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 5
RUANGAN : NATION

Fake certs search widens

After Marang case, IGP orders clampdown in all states

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KUALA LUMPUR: The police will be expanding their hunt on the sale of fake Covid-19 vaccination certificates in other states following the arrest of a doctor in Terengganu this week.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani said Bukit Aman was treating the matter very seriously.

"We are not sure at this time whether there are others who are selling such certificates."

"I have instructed both the directors of the CID and CCID to collect

intelligence to uncover whether such activity is occurring in other states as well," he told reporters after attending the education and early skills of autism students' programme at the Royal Malaysia Police's Pengaman Autism Centre yesterday.

The selling of fake Covid-19 vaccination certificates must be curbed as it could hamper efforts to stop the spread of the virus, the IGP said.

"We don't want the irresponsible acts of certain parties to jeopardise efforts to curb the spread of Covid-19," he added.

On Tuesday, Bukit Aman CCID director Comm Datuk Kamarudin

Md Din said police detected only one case of selling fake vaccination certificates so far, which was in Marang, Terengganu.

He said a 51-year-old medical practitioner was arrested in that case, where he sold vaccination certificates without administering the vaccine.

The suspect has been remanded to assist investigation.

Comm Kamarudin has urged those with information on such activities to contact the nearest police station or CCID Scam Response Centre at 03-2610 1559/1599 so that investigations could commence.

"We don't want the irresponsible acts of certain parties to jeopardise efforts to curb the spread of Covid-19."

Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani

Five turn witnesses in fake vax cert case

KUALA TERENGGANU: Five individuals with information on the sale of fake Covid-19 vaccination certificates in Terengganu are prepared to appear as witnesses to assist in the investigation.

State police chief Deputy Comm Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa said investigations were progressing smoothly but public cooperation, especially from those who had obtained the certificates without taking the jabs, was very much needed.

"For now, five people have agreed to come forward and appear as witnesses."

"They admitted to not being vaccinated but managed to obtain the first dose vaccination card. We will continue with our investigations."

"Case items like laptops and mobile phones will be sent to the forensic unit of the Commercial Crimes Investigation Department in Bukit Aman," he told reporters after attending the handover of duties ceremony of the state deputy police chief yesterday.

DCP Rohaimi said the prime suspect, who is a doctor at a private clinic in Marang, had been remanded under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating.

The remand order ends today.

On Saturday, the 51-year-old doctor, who claimed to be anti-vaccination, was detained by police on suspicion of selling fake vaccination certificates for between RM400 and RM600.



New cop in town: DCP Rohaimi (centre) witnessing the handover of duties of state deputy police chief SAC Norhalid Kimi (left) to SAC Wan Rukman Wan Hassan in Kuala Terengganu. — Bernama

Office boy held over fake digital certs

KOTA KINABALU: An office boy has been arrested for soliciting bribes from the public in return for helping them get the Covid-19 vaccination certificate in the MySejahtera app.

A seven-day remand order from Tuesday was issued by magistrate Jessica Ombot Kakayun following an application by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

The 31-year-old suspect was arrested at about 1.30pm on Tuesday at the MACC office here.

He is believed to have solicited bribes of over RM2,000 from the public for the purpose of getting the Covid-19 Vaccination Digital Certificate in the MySejahtera app last October, Bernama reported.

The suspect is also believed to have given bribes to volunteers at a vaccination centre as a reward for registering the names of unvaccinated individuals to get the digital certificate.

AKHBAR : THE STAR
MUKA SURAT : 6
RUANGAN : NATION

Full-scale curbs for new variants not yet needed

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PETALING JAYA: The new Covid-19 variants – Deltacron and IHU as well as a co-infection known as Flurona – in several countries might be concerning, but experts say that it shouldn't warrant another full-scale lockdown should there be another outbreak in Malaysia.

Health expert Prof Dr Moy Foong Ming of Universiti Malaya's Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, said restrictions on celebratory activities such as weddings and parades at festivals should be implemented.

"If the situation still does not improve, maybe impose a restriction on interstate travel for social purposes," she said.

IHU was named after it was first discovered in Institut Hospitalier Universitaire, Marseilles, France, in October last year.

It was first detected in a vaccinated person returning to France after travelling to Cameroon, located in Central Africa.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) had said that the IHU variant was not cause for concern. To date, 12 cases have been detected in southern France.

Dr Moy also said self-testing should only be done if an individual has had close contact with Covid-19 patients, and showed flu-like symptoms, or is about to attend a mass gathering like a wedding or party.

Dr Moy proposed that workplaces encourage their employees to conduct self-tests at least twice a week.

"This will reduce the chances of transmission within the workplace when physical distancing is hard to maintain."

"The same should be done in

Covid-19 variants and co-infection

IHU

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- Discovered in October last year and so far it has 12 cases in southern France.
- World Health Organisation (WHO) doesn't think IHU is a cause for concern.
- First detected in a vaccinated person who returned to southern France after travelling to Cameroon, located in Central Africa.

Source: Various

Deltacron

- According to a Bloomberg report last week, the Deltacron strain was discovered in Cyprus.
- So far 25 cases have been reported, but researchers indicated more similar cases are out there.



Flurona (co-infection)

- WHO said Flurona is a double infection of both Covid-19 and the influenza virus.
- Symptoms include cough, sore throat, runny nose, fever and headache.
- Can be spread through droplets and aerosols when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.
- First reported on Jan 2 in Israel, involving a pregnant woman who's unvaccinated.

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schools," she said.

Aside from IHU, other variants such as Flurona and Deltacron were reported in several parts in the world.

Flurona was first detected on Jan 2 in Israel. The patient is pregnant and was previously vaccinated.

The WHO said Flurona is a double infection of both the Covid-19 and the influenza virus, and its symptoms include cough, sore throat, runny nose, fever and headaches.

The Deltacron variant, on the other hand, was first discovered in Cyprus last week with 25 cases reported.

Researchers have indicated that

there could be more undetected cases.

Commenting further on the new variants, Dr Moy assured that at present, transmissions of the said variants were only confined to the respective countries that discovered them.

However, Dr Moy said Putrajaya mustn't let its guard down as it continues to monitor the trend of transmission.

"If there is global transmission, then the government should enforce quarantine on people who enter Malaysia from those affected countries."

"Genomic sequencing should be carried out on all important cases in

order to find out the variants that they carry," she said.

Dr Moy also said the emergence of the new variants shouldn't be worrying for Malaysians, as they have not been confirmed by WHO yet.

"We should maintain all standard operating procedures, avoid crowded and poorly-ventilated places, and avoid going out. Conduct self-testing if you have flu-like symptoms and go for booster doses when appointments are given," she added.

As of Wednesday, Malaysia recorded 2,903 new Covid-19 cases. There are currently 39,913 active cases.

New quarantine exemption announced

PETALING JAYA: Malaysia is exempting quarantine for fully vaccinated travellers entering the country who contracted Covid-19 within 11 to 60 days prior to their arrival.

They must have printed or digital laboratory reports about their infection during that period, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said.

The exemption takes effect from today.

"Travellers who were previously admitted to the hospital for Covid-19 will need to furnish a 'fit for travel' letter from the hospital."

"Those who were treated for Covid-19 at home or at isolation centres will have to undergo the RTK-Antigen test two days before flying into Malaysia and they must test negative," he said in a statement yesterday.

Khairy said this new ruling was based on scientific evidence and the latest developments in other countries in their management of travellers who had been infected.

Khairy said those who had yet to be fully vaccinated would be required to undergo mandatory quarantine for seven days at designated quarantine centres.

"The current quarantine rules will continue to apply to vaccinated travellers who have not been infected with the virus."

In the statement, Khairy also noted: "Travellers must download the MySejahtera application and fill a health declaration form, undergo health screenings and another RTK-Antigen test upon arrival at any international entry point."

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Infection risks from anti-vaxxers

Group endangers people when mingling in public, especially while using fake vaccination certificates

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PETALING JAYA: One of the main challenges of the Covid-19 vaccination campaign is to get anti-vaxxers to see the folly of their ways.

According to health expert Azrul Mohd Khalib, such individuals have made up their minds and it is difficult to convince them otherwise.

To compound matters, some doctors assist anti-vaxxers to fool the authorities.

"They are putting people's lives at risk," said Azrul, who is Galen Centre for Health and Social Policy chief executive officer.

It was reported last Saturday that a 51-year-old doctor, who declared that he objected to the

Covid inoculation drive, was arrested on suspicion of selling fake vaccination certificates.

Initial investigations revealed that the doctor, who has a clinic in Marang, had dealing with about 1,900 individuals but it is still unclear how many had bought the fake documents.

According to Terengganu police chief Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa, the doctor was charging RM400 to RM600 for each certificate.

He said there was a possibility that people from other states also purchased the fake certificates from the doctor.

"His clinic is one of those designated as a vaccination centre, but he was issuing certificates even to those who declined to take the jabs," Rohaimi said.

Terengganu Health Department director

Datuk Dr Kaseman Embong said the private clinic had been allowed to administer Covid-19 vaccinations for a fee since September last year.

Azrul added that those who have vaccination certificates without having taken the jab are not only putting the health of their families at risk, but also endangering the community.

The doctor claims that he is an anti-vaxxer but he is just using it as an excuse to provide fake certificates while raking in a huge profit."

Azrul said the problem with anti-vaxxers is that they refuse to listen to reason or consider data and evidence that have proven the efficacy of the Covid-19 vaccine.

"Reasoning with them is difficult because they have made up their minds."

Azrul said it should not come as a surprise that there are a number of people in the healthcare profession who are anti-vaxxers.

"But just because they do not want to be vaccinated does not mean that they should also trade in fake certificates."

He warned that the sale of fake certificates

would undermine the government's effort to ensure that all Malaysians get vaccinated.

The Health Ministry recently reported that 14% of the 122 Omicron cases among *umrah* pilgrims did not have any vaccination records. "We should not allow this to happen again," said Azrul.

Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) president Dr Koh Kar Chai expressed dismay at the news of fake vaccination certificates being sold.

"We urge the authorities to conduct and investigation and bring those responsible to book."

Koh said the public should also alert the authorities if they come across any corrupt activities in the healthcare sector.

"MMA does not condone activities that (threaten) the integrity of the medical profession, more so when it causes harm to people's health."

Witnesses prepared to cooperate in probe

KUALA TERENGGANU: Several individuals with information on the sale of fake Covid-19 vaccination certificates in Terengganu have agreed to appear as witnesses to assist in investigations.

State police chief Datuk Rohaimi Md Isa said investigations were progressing smoothly but public cooperation, especially from

those who had obtained the certificates without taking the jabs, was very much needed.

"For now, five individuals have agreed to come forward and appear as witnesses. They admitted to not being vaccinated but managed to obtain the first dose vaccination card.

"We will continue with our investigations. Case items like

laptops and mobile phones will be sent to the forensics unit of the Commercial Crime Investigation Department in Bukit Aman," he said after attending a handing-over-of-duties ceremony for the Terengganu deputy police chief at the state police headquarters yesterday, Bernama reported.

He said the prime suspect, who is a doctor at a private clinic

in Marang, was being remanded to assist investigations under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating.

The remand order ends today.

At the ceremony, SAC Wan Rukman Wan Hassan was appointed the new Terengganu deputy police chief, taking over from SAC Norhalid Kimi, who has retired.



Inoculation centre hours extended

LABUAN: The operating hours of the vaccination centre dispensing booster shots here has been extended until 8pm during weekdays, from 5pm previously, since Jan 10.

Labuan Health Department director Dr Ismuni Bohari said this was to help speed up the booster vaccination exercise and provide a flexible schedule for working adults.

"We shifted the vaccination

centre from the Membedai Health Clinic to the Darul Kifayah Complex on Dec 29, due to the increasing number of people receiving appointments for the booster jabs.

"After looking at the steady increase in the number (of vaccine recipients), we decided to extend the operating hours during weekdays," he said yesterday.

On Saturdays, the centre at the Darul Kifayah Complex operates

from 8am to 4pm.

Ismuni said some 22,936 individuals from a total 72,000 eligible adults in the duty-free island have received their booster shots as of Jan 11.

He added that the average number of people visiting the vaccination centre was about 800 to 1,000 daily.

Meanwhile, Labuan Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force chairman Rithuan Ismail said the

booster vaccination roll-out would be expedited in view of the emergence of the Omicron variant.

"We are urging the people who have received the second dose of the vaccine and completed the six-month interval to visit the vaccination centre for a booster shot," he said.

Labuan has detected a new active "Jalan OKK Awang Besar Saudi" cluster, which was triggered by an *umrah* pilgrim. - Bernama