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4 DEATHS, 9 NEW CLUSTERS

Nation registers 3,306 new Covid-19 cases

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia logged 3,306 new Covid-19 positive infections up to noon yesterday, with seven identified as imported cases.

These new infections pushed the nation's cumulative confirmed positive cases to 161,740, 38,791 of which are active cases, said Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

Four fatalities, involving three men and one woman, were reported yesterday, raising the death toll to 605.

The four were a 91-year-old man who died at the Sultanah

Nur Zahirah Hospital in Kuala Terengganu; a 77-year-old man at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kota Kinabalu, and a 78-year-old woman as well as a 59-year-old man at the Sungai Buloh Hospital in Selangor.

All of them had underlying illnesses, including high blood pressure, diabetes, chronic kidney, heart and liver disease, and adrenal insufficiency.

There are 226 patients being treated in intensive care units with 94 of them on ventilators.

On recoveries, Dr Noor Hisham said 2,293 patients recovered



Frontliners wearing personal protective equipment at the Covid-19 Quarantine and Low-Risk Treatment Centre at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park in Serdang. PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

from Covid-19 yesterday, bringing the total to 122,344.

He said there were nine new Covid-19 clusters, and seven of them were linked to workplace infections.

The clusters are Taman Tasik Sungai Chua, Kompleks Segamaha, Jalan Bukit Bendera, Jalan Suria, Jalan Nipah construction site, Era Duta construction site, Pulau Lima, Jalan TJ and Kafe Genting.

These clusters are in Selangor,

Sabah, Johor, Kuala Lumpur, Kelantan, Seremban and Pahang.

Dr Noor Hisham said six of the clusters involved a supermarket, an oil palm plantation, a public institution, two construction sites, a factory and a cafe at a recreational centre.

He added that the Health Ministry had held several discussions with the stakeholders of private hospitals, including the Association of Private Hospitals Malaysia (APHM) and govern-

ment-linked companies to decide on the management direction of the country's Covid-19 pandemic.

"The government has secured commitments from several private hospitals to accept referral cases and treat Covid-19 patients, depending on the existing capacity and expertise.

"To date, APHM has identified 1,138 beds, including 70 beds for critical cases at 97 private hospitals nationwide."