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Another Malaysian recovers

13th Covid-19 patient gets the all-clear and is discharged

KUALA LUMPUR: A 40-year-old Malaysian woman previously ward- ed for Covid-19 has fully recovered and was discharged on Friday.

In a statement yesterday, Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the woman, who was treated at Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah, Alor Setar, was the 13th Covid-19 case that was confirmed on Feb 5.

"In total, 18 confirmed Covid-19 cases have fully recovered and been discharged, with four cases still receiving treatment in hospitals. They are in stable condition," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham said as of yesterday, the Health Ministry had reported a total of 22 confirmed Covid-19 cases in Malaysia, 20 of them imported (cases with a history of travel or living overseas, particularly in China).

The remaining two cases were among family members of one of the imported Covid-19 cases, who is a Malaysian.

"Based on the current situation, MOH has proactively strengthened the Covid-19 surveillance system to detect local cases in the community," he said.



Stocking up: A worker arranging hand sanitisers at a pharmacy. The demand for hand sanitisers has increased since the Covid-19 outbreak. — Bernama

"This surveillance system utilises the same principles as the Influenza Surveillance System, i.e. through the detection of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) and Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) cases

that meet the criteria at the level of selected hospitals and health clinics respectively."

He said that strengthening detection among SARI cases was initiated on Feb 12 and since then, no samples

had been found to be positive for Covid-19 out of those obtained and tested.

The strengthening of the detection for Covid-19 among ILI cases was initiated on Feb 22. — Bernama

Cruise ship's M'sian crew tests negative for Covid-19

KUALA LUMPUR: All 100 Malaysian crew members of the *World Dream* cruise ship, anchored under quarantine status in Tanjung Pengelih, Johor, have tested negative for the Covid-19 coronavirus, says Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

He said the Malaysian crew members underwent screenings on Saturday before they were brought to the National Institute of Public Administration's southern regional campus in Kluang for sampling and observation.

"Following medical examinations, all 100 crew members were found to be without symptoms and tests came back negative for Covid-19.

"They have been allowed to go home and will go through a 14-day monitoring process from the day they entered Malaysia," he said.

Dr Noor Hisham said the crew members' trips home had also been arranged, adding that the respective state and district health departments had also been informed of the crew members' status and would be keeping track of their condition daily. — Bernama