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# NATION RECORDS 2,555 RECOVERIES

2,126 patients in Sabah recovered from virus, the highest in country, says Health D-G

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**M**ALAYSIA recorded its highest number of Covid-19 recoveries yesterday with 2,555, bringing the total number of patients recovered from the virus to 49,056 or 80.7 per cent.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said Sabah registered the highest recovery at 2,126 cases, followed by Selangor (207), Kuala

Lumpur/Putrajaya (64), Negri Sembilan (47), Perak (41), Penang (29), Kedah (11), Sarawak (eight), Kelantan (eight), Labuan (seven), Johor (four), and Melaka (three).

He said 935 new Covid-19 cases were recorded yesterday, which are mostly local infections except for four imported cases.

This brings the tally of infections to 60,752, including 11,348 active ones, he said.

He said Sabah recorded the highest number of cases at 326 or 34.9 per cent, followed by Selangor (161 or 17.2 per cent) and Negri Sembilan (158 or 16.9 per cent).

"A total of 103 cases (11 per cent) were related clusters in lockups and prisons involving the Bakti cluster (95 cases), Tembok cluster (five), GK Tawau cluster (two) and Kepayan Prison cluster (one)," he said yesterday.

Yesterday, the Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre reported three Covid-19 deaths, all in

Sabah, raising the nationwide death toll to 348.

"A total of 110 cases are in the Intensive Care Unit, while 45 require ventilator support."

Dr Noor Hisham said six new Covid-19 clusters were reported as of noon yesterday, namely Bot Biru, Blok 31, Gemilang, the Sungai Udang construction site, Chengal and Damar Laut.

He said the Bot Biru and Blok 31 clusters were identified in Tawau, Sabah, with the index case (Case 46,546) tested positive during a screening on Oct 15.

"As of noon today (yesterday), 23 people linked to the cluster have been tested with 17 tested positive," he said.

The index case for Blok 31 clus-

ter (Case 52,971) was tested positive on Nov 21 following a screening of symptomatic individuals.

"As of today (yesterday), 26 people connected to this cluster have been screened, with 13 people coming back positive."

Meanwhile, Dr Noor Hisham said the Gemilang cluster involved a logistics company in Johor Baru.

The index case of the cluster (Case 58,837), he said, was a patient with Severe Acute Respiratory In-

fections (SARI), who tested positive on Nov 24.

"As of Nov 26, 95 people have been screened, with 26 tested positive."

He said Sungai Udang con-

struction site cluster involved workers at a site in Kepong.

"The index case (Case 54,604) was tested positive on Nov 22. As of noon today (yesterday), 196 people have been screened and 11 of them tested positive."

The Chengal cluster, Dr Noor Hisham said, was detected in Kota Baru and Machang in Kelantan.

"The index case (Case 54,773) is a SARI patient who tested positive on Nov 21. To date, 254 people linked to this cluster have been screened, with 15 being positive."

He said the Damar Laut cluster involved Timur Laut and Barat Daya districts in Penang, as well as Padang Terap in Kedah.

"The first five cases were tested positive following a screening for symptomatic individuals between Nov 21 and 25. As of today (yesterday), 651 individuals were screened, with 13 positive."



Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah