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New record number of recoveries in a single day

PUTRAJAYA: For two days in a row, Malaysia saw more Covid-19 recoveries than new cases. The country recorded 935 new Covid-19 cases and discharged 2,555 patients yesterday, said Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

With 2,555 patients being discharged, the figure is the country's new record for the number of recoveries in a single day. In total, 49,056 patients have recovered from Covid-19 in Malaysia.

Active cases have gone down to 11,348, while cumulatively, Malaysia's Covid-19 cases since the pandemic began have reached 60,752.

As many as 110 people are now being treated at intensive care units, with 45 requiring ventilator support.

Sabah recorded the most number of cases out of all states with 326 infections, followed by Selangor with 161 and Negri Sembilan with 158 cases, said Dr Noor Hisham.

The Bakti Covid-19 cluster in

Negri Sembilan, which is linked to a prison in Seremban, recorded the most number of new infections with 95 cases.

This is the second day in a row the cluster has recorded the highest daily case rise in the country.

The Bakti cluster, which originated from a prison inmate who tested Covid-19 positive on Nov 22, currently has 424 cases.

A total of 1,450 people related to the cluster have been screened.

The Teratai cluster, which is

linked to the outbreak among workers of glove manufacturers Top Glove, recorded 30 new cases yesterday.

It is currently Malaysia's biggest ever Covid-19 cluster throughout the pandemic with 4,093 cases.

A total of 6,526 individuals linked to the cluster have been tested, while 455 patients have recovered and been discharged so far.

As of yesterday, there are 345 active clusters in Malaysia, with six new clusters recorded the

same day.

The clusters are Bot Biru cluster (Sabah, 13 cases), Gemilang cluster (Johor, 26 cases), Tapak Bina Sungai Udang cluster (Kuala Lumpur, 11 cases), Chengal (Kelantan, 15 cases) and Damar Laut cluster (Penang and Kedah, five cases).

Dr Noor Hisham also announced three new Covid-19 fatalities, taking the country's death toll to 348.

All the cases were in Sabah involving two women and one man, aged between 59 and 77.