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Daily new cases still in four-figure range

PETALING JAYA: The number of new daily Covid-19 cases in the country remained in the four figures at 1,925 yesterday while total active cases were 21,443.

Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the new cases brought the overall total in the country to 108,615.

He said of the new cases, 10 were imported, while local transmissions accounted for 1,915 cases.

"Selangor reported the highest daily cases with 747, and 625 were from Covid-19 clusters and screening of close contacts on the field.

This was followed by Kuala Lumpur with

360 cases," he said.

"Pahang recorded 288 cases, with its increase due to the Tembok Mempaga prison cluster, which reported 282 cases," he said in a statement yesterday.

The first virus-related death yesterday involved a 65-year-old man from Putrajaya, who had diabetes, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, as well as heart problems.

The second fatality was a 68-year-old woman from Kelantan, who had high blood pressure, diabetes and kidney problems.

The number of recoveries was 1,123, taking the cumulative recoveries to 86,715.

Meanwhile, an enhanced movement control order (EMCO) will be implemented at the Kamunting Correctional Centre (Kemta) in Taiping, Perak, as well as at its staff quarters from today until Jan 12.

Senior Minister (Security) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the EMCO was to control the existing cluster and prevent the spread of Covid-19 to other prisoners, staff, family members and communities outside Kemta.

"As of Dec 24, the MoH (Ministry of Health) has screened a total of 1,490 detainees, and of the total, 50 were found to be positive for Covid-19," he added.