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## 6 NEW CASES REPORTED

2 of 3 local transmission cases are linked to Benteng LD cluster

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**T**HREE of the six new Covid-19 cases in the country are local infections, two of which are linked to the Benteng LD cluster in Sabah.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said the one other local transmission involved a severe acute respiratory infection case being treated at Penang Hospital.

"The two new cases linked to the Benteng LD cluster are Case 9,395 and Case 9,396. Case 9,395 is a close contact to Case 9,351 and was found symptomatic on Sept 1, then warded at Tawau Hospital on Sept 2.

"Case 9,396 is a relative to Case 9,395. The patient tested positive on Sept 5, and is now at Tawau Hospital," he said yesterday.

To date, 776 people linked to the cluster have been screened.

The two new patients bring the cumulative number of positive cases linked to the cluster to 16.

Dr Noor Hisham said in Lahad Datu, 420 people had been screened where seven tested positive, 259 tested negative and 154 were awaiting results.

"In Tawau, 356 people have been screened. Nine were found positive, 67 tested negative, while 280 people were awaiting results."



Travellers passing by an infrared camera at the Labuan International Ferry Terminal yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

The three remaining positive cases were imported cases involving foreigners.

Two were from Indonesia and one was from Bangladesh, all detected in Kuala Lumpur.

The six new cases bring the tally to 9,397, with 154 active cases.

Dr Noor Hisham said six patients were being treated in the intensive care unit.

Another two patients have re-

covered and been discharged, increasing the cumulative number of recoveries to 9,115 or 97 per cent.

The death toll stands at 128 people (1.36 per cent).