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# Virus found at football event

## Tawau match participants and fans told to undergo test

**PETALING JAYA:** Those who were involved in a football competition at the Tawau Prison field and Tawau Municipal Council stadium recently, including spectators, should go for a Covid-19 test immediately, says Tawau health officer Dr G. Navindran.

He said that about 100 people turned up for the Covid-19 test at the Tawau health clinic in Kubota yesterday after being instructed to do so.

"The tests were conducted from 8am for all those involved in the

competition," he said.

On Saturday, the Tawau health office issued a notice requesting all players, spectators and those involved in the nine-a-side football competition on Aug 28, Aug 29 and Sept 2 at the Tawau Prison field and Aug 30 and Aug 31 at the council stadium to take a Covid-19 test.

The call to undergo the test was made after one of the referees, who is also a Tawau Prison officer, was found positive for the coronavirus.

All those present in both loca-

tions have been told to come forward or call 019-605 3475 or 016-472 9314.

In a related development, Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said six new Covid-19 cases were reported yesterday.

"There were three imported and three local cases, bringing the total infection to 9,397 cases," he said in a statement.

The imported cases involved two foreigners from Indonesia and one from Bangladesh.

"Of the local transmissions, two were from the Benteng Lahad Datu cluster in Sabah while another case involved a patient with severe acute respiratory infection in Penang," he said.

So far, Dr Noor Hisham said a total of 776 people in the cluster had been screened with 16 of them testing positive.

He also said six Covid-19 patients were still being treated at the intensive care units and three needing the support of ventilators.

The death toll remains at 128.

# No more home quarantine for PCA travellers

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**KOTA TINGGI:** The government will no longer allow travellers coming into Malaysia under the Periodic Commuting Arrangement (PCA) to be put under home quarantine, says Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba.

He said this came about after a Malaysian travelling back to the country via the PCA tested positive for Covid-19.

The PCA is a scheme agreed to between Singapore and Malaysia to allow work and business-related travel between the two countries through the land border crossings at the Johor-Singapore Causeway and Malaysia-Singapore Second Link.

Dr Adham announced this in a press conference after attending the launch of the Sungai Rengil Health Clinic here yesterday.

"The patient has since been isolated and given treatment.

"As such, those travelling under the PCA will no longer be allowed to quarantine at home but would instead have to be kept in quarantine centres," he said.

He also added that those placed



**One for the album:** Dr Adham at the Sungai Rengil Health Clinic in Kota Tinggi.

at quarantine centres in hotels would bear the cost.

The 35-year-old man travelled from Singapore on Aug 29 and was confirmed to be positive for Covid-19 on Sept 2.

Dr Adham also said that since Malaysia and Singapore started the

PCA and Reciprocal Green Lane (RGL) on Aug 17, more than 3,000 people had entered the country.

"About 815 individuals entered Malaysia under the RGL while another 2,647 under the PCA.

"So far, there have been no Covid-19 cases reported for those travel-

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**Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba**

ling back under the RGL," he said.

Asked when the third and fourth phases of the reopening of the border with Singapore would be announced, Dr Adham said the matter was still under discussion.

He added that the standard operating procedure for the daily commute of workers between Malaysia and Singapore was also still under negotiation.

"We want to see whether the RGL and PCA could be implemented smoothly between both countries," he said.