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COVID-19 MALAYSIA

DETAILS OF NEW CASES COVID-19 MA

100

 kes baharu

Kes tempatan

Local cases

85

Warganegara

55

Bukan warganegara

30

Kedah-22

Sabah-30

Sabah-32

Perlis-1

SHARP RISE

SPIKE IN TALLY AS VIRUS CLUSTERS SEE 100 CASES

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ALAYSIA'S Covid-19 cases rose by three digits yesterday, with 100 new cases reported, up from 62 the day before. This brought the total to 9,559 cases, with 295 active cases. Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, in announcing this yesterday, said a majority of the cases were

local transmissions. He said of 85 local transmission cases, 55 involved Malaysians and 30 involved foreigners, while 15 cases were imported. Of the 85 cases, 62 were from Sabah's Benteng Lahad Datu cluster, where 37 were detected at the Lahad Datu district police headquarters and 25 in a Tawau lock-up where undocumented immigrants were being detained. The 15 imported cases involved two Malaysians and 13 foreigners. The cases involved people who returned from India (11), Indonesia (two), Pakistan (one) and the Philippines (one). Despite the alarming figures, Dr Noor Hisham gave his assurance that the Benteng Lahad Datu cluster, the largest active cluster in the country, was under control. "The cases were detected at the Lahad Datu district police head-

quarters and the Tawau prison, where illegal immigrants rounded-up in Op Benteng are held. "The cases happened in these two lock-ups and not in the community. The situation is under control, like when we recorded 277 cases at Immigration detention centres," he said yesterday. So far, 431 people have been screened in Lahad Datu, with 87 testing positive, 132 testing negative and 212 pending results. In Tawau, 1,579 people have been screened, with 41 testing positive, 425 testing negative and 1,113 awaiting results. The Health Ministry, on Twitter, yesterday said the Lahad Datu district had been classified as a red zone following the jump in Covid-19 cases. Only the districts of Tawau (Sabah) and Kota Setar (Kedah) have recorded 30 cases and above,