

6,000 RESIDENTS AFFECTED

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2 MASJID INDIA FLATS IN KL UNDER EMCO

Health Ministry has detected 15 Covid-19 cases involving residents, says Ismail Sabri

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THE iconic Selangor Mansion and Malayan Mansion in Jalan Masjid India, Kuala Lumpur, are the latest two buildings to be placed under the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO).

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob yesterday said the EMCO was enforced following the advice of the Health Ministry, which detected 15 Covid-19 cases involving residents there.

He said some 6,000 residents in 365 residential and commercial units at both buildings would be affected by the EMCO, which took effect yesterday.

"I hope the residents will adhere to all regulations with the enforcement of the EMCO.

"I hope those who have friends there refrain from visiting them."

This is the fourth EMCO announced by the government in its effort to contain the spread of Covid-19, which has infected 3,793 people up to noon on Monday.

Menara City One in Jalan Munshi Abdullah, Kuala Lumpur, Batu 21 until Batu 24 in Sungai Lui, Hulu Langat in Selangor, as well as Kampung Datuk Ibrahim Majid and Bandar Baharu Datuk Ibrahim Majid in Simpang Renggam in Kluang, Johor, have also been placed under the EMCO.

Ismail Sabri said the Housing and Local Government Ministry had conducted 666 disinfection exercises in 79 zones, including 18 red and 21 orange zones.

The disinfected areas, he said, included 514 buildings, homes, government departments and agencies, as well as 17 Peoples' Housing Projects involving more than 24,000 units.

He also addressed issues related to quarantine centres for Malaysians returning from abroad and foreigners permitted to enter the country.

He said the 122 quarantine centres included 45 three-star and above hotels, which were gazetted by the government to house those returning from abroad.

Those who wanted to be quarantined at five-star hotels must bear the cost themselves, he added.

"Accommodation and food at the hotels are within the government's budget, which is up to RM150 per day for each of those who are quarantined.

"Those who want to choose other hotels or rooms (which are not within the government's budget) must bear the cost themselves," he said, adding that 7,500 people had been quarantined for 14 days.

Those returning from abroad could choose to be quarantined only at hotels gazetted by the government, he added.

In Perak, 140 students from Maahad Tahfiz in Lambor Kanan, Parit, were taken to a quarantine centre at Kolej Sains Kesihatan Bersekutu Sultan Azlan Shah

in Tanjung Rambutan on Monday.

It was learnt that one of the teachers had come into close contact with a friend who tested positive for Covid-19.

The teacher, however, tested negative for Covid-19 but a person at the school started having a fever.

The school's spokesman said the students were brought to the quarantine centre as a precautionary measure.

"The students have been brought to the quarantine centre in stages since yesterday (Monday). Samples have been taken from other teachers at the school and all of them tested negative for the virus."

The spokesman denied a viral social media post that claimed 41 students tested positive as they had yet to get their results.

Pictures of medical officers taking the students' samples as well as the students boarding a bus believed to be transporting them to a quarantine centre have since gone viral.



Health officers arriving at the Malayan Mansion Flat in Masjid India, Kuala Lumpur yesterday.



Police cordoning off Selangor Mansion Flat in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIX BY ASWADI ALIAS