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KL HAS THE MOST NUMBER OF CASES

Capital overtakes Selangor and Sabah, 96pc of its cases connected to construction sites

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A TOTAL of 1,309 new Covid-19 cases were logged yesterday, with the capital registering the highest figure, overtaking Selangor and Sabah, which had been recording the bulk of cases.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah yesterday said Kuala Lumpur registered 493 cases (37.7 per cent of new cases), with 473 (95.9 per cent) connected to workplace clusters (construction sites).

This, he said, was followed by Sabah with 290 new cases (22.2 per cent) and Selangor (238 cases or 18.2 per cent).

Other states with new cases were Perak (77), Kedah (52), Penang (46), Johor (37), Labuan (35), Negri Sembilan (32), Kelantan (six), Pahang (one), Melaka (one) and Terengganu (one).

"Malaysia's tally of infections stands at 64,485, including 11,481 active cases."

"Of the 1,309 new cases, 75 (5.7 per cent) reported were related to clusters at temporary detention centres (PTS) and prisons, including the Tembok cluster (38 cases), Jalan Harapan Prison cluster (14), Seberang Prai Prison cluster (13), PTS Tawau cluster (four), Reman Prison cluster (three), GK Tawau cluster (two), and Sandakan Prison cluster (one)."

"Only one is an imported case." Dr Noor Hisham said 1,333 more Covid-19 patients had recovered and were discharged from hospitals, increasing the number of recoveries to 52,647.

He said 116 patients were being treated in intensive care units, with 42 requiring ventilator support.

He said the death toll from the virus had risen to 357 with three deaths reported to the Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre yesterday; one each in Perak, Negri Sembilan and Sabah.

He said four new clusters had been detected.

They are the Sungai Mulia construction site cluster in Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur; Batu Lima cluster in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah; Yayasan cluster in Klang, Selangor; and Hilir cluster involving Kota Baru, Tumpat, Bachok and Pasir Puteh in Kelantan.

He said up to yesterday, 124 people linked to the Sungai Mulia construction site cluster had been screened, 23 of which tested positive for the virus.

"Early cases in this cluster were reported positive for Covid-19 on Nov 29 as a result of workplace screening at a construction site."

For the Batu Lima cluster, he said the index case (Case 50,994) was confirmed positive on Nov 19 following a screening of symptomatic individuals.

And up to yesterday, 118 people had been screened, with 49 testing positive.

On the Yayasan cluster, he said, its index case (Case 52,340) was detected positive on Nov 20 following a symptomatic individual screening and 190 people had been screened, 21 of which were confirmed positive.

For the Hilir cluster, he said the index case (Case 58,845) was confirmed positive on Nov 24 following the screening of symp-

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TAN SRI DR NOOR HISHAM ABDULLAH

Health director-general



Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah (left) visiting the Awan Baru construction site yesterday. The cluster recorded the highest increase in Covid-19 cases. PIC FROM HEALTH D-G FACEBOOK PAGE

omatic individuals.

"A total of 975 people connected to this cluster have been screened, with 21 testing positive for Covid-19."

He said 359 clusters had been reported, including the four new clusters yesterday.

"The total number of clusters that ended stood at 176."

"This brings the total number of active clusters to 183, 49 of which reported an increase in cases."

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On the Covid-19-related fatality concerning case 35,037 in Sabah, a 130-year-old foreigner, he said the patient was confirmed dead by Tuaran Hospital.

"Information on the background of the deceased was obtained from his family as well as local authorities."

"As the deceased did not have proof of identification documents, the information received is limited, including on his age."

