

# EMCO ends today for two KL localities, three in other states

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Two out of five localities that are set to see the end of the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) today are PPR Pantai Ria and Taman Bukit Angkasa here.

The three other localities are Kampung Kubang Jela in Manir, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu; Kampung Balung Cocos, Tawau, and Kampung Jaya Baru, Kunak, in Sabah; and, Taman Merbau Utama, Mukim Bukit Jawa, Selinsing, Pasir Puteh, Kelantan.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the government decided to end the EMCO as scheduled when no new cases were reported in the five localities.

However, three new localities were identified as high-risk areas and would be placed under EMCO for two weeks from tomorrow, he said.

They are PPR Lintas Sibuga, Sandakan, Sabah; Kampung Telaga and Kampung Pituru, Pitas, Sabah; and, Felda Jengka 8, Jerantut, Pahang.

"This comes after the Covid-19 technical team noticed a spike in new cases at the three locations.

"Implementing the EMCO at the localities will help the Health Ministry detect Covid-19 cases early through targeted screenings and contact tracing to curb further spread of the virus."

On standard operating procedure (SOP) violations, Ismail Sabri said 416 people were arrested on Monday for various offences.

"Of the 416 arrested, 372 were issued compounds and the remaining 44 remanded."

He said the offences include travelling interstate and inter-district without police permission or dining in at eateries (97), failure to record details when entering premises (74), not wearing face masks (58), failure to comply with the Movement Control Order (43), carrying more than the permitted number of passengers in a vehicle (39), failure to observe physical distancing (35), failure of premises to adhere to orders (six) and other offences (64).

Ismail Sabri said on Monday, the SOP compliance task force led by police carried out 90,214 inspections and snap checks nationwide, involving 19,245 personnel.

"The teams inspected 2,285 factories, 16,822 business premises, 1,015 construction sites and 456 workers' hostels," he said, adding that 67 premises that flouted the SOP were ordered to close.

He said the authorities also intensified checks on factories and business premises as they were found to be among the main contributors to the spike in Covid-19 cases in the country.

On Op Benteng, Ismail Sabri said the authorities arrested 47 undocumented immigrants and seized four land vehicles.

He said enforcement agencies jointly set up 940 roadblocks nationwide through Op Penawar and Op Benteng to ensure full SOP compliance.