

# Dengue detected earlier, faster in KL

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THE dengue scourge is more prevalent in Kuala Lumpur than other parts of the country due to early detection of the disease and speedier diagnosis through laboratory facilities.

As such, the number of cases reported in the Federal Territory appear to be the highest in the country.

"In many cases, doctors have dismissed the symptoms as flu unless there are haemorrhagic.

"With more doctors in the city and better laboratory facilities, it makes it easier to diagnose the disease," said City Hall health director Dr Jessie George.

She was commenting on a statement by Health Minister Datuk Lee Kim Sai that Kuala Lumpur had the highest number of cases in the country, with the number increasing by 36 per cent.

"With so much development around the city, the mosquitoes find it more conducive to breed in the built-up areas within buildings as well as construction sites where there is stagnant water."

From Dec 30, 1990 until Dec 28 last year, there were 1,658 dengue cases reported in Kuala Lumpur.

Of these, 258 were dengue haemorrhagic fever which has claimed nine lives.

The affected areas include Kampung Datuk Keramat, Taman Midah, Jalan Klang Lama, north Jinjang and Sungai Besi camp.

Last month alone, Kampung Datuk Keramat had six cases.

Last year, a total of 147,866 premises were inspected and 2,064 breeding places detected.