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CASESTOTAL  
129  
UP TO MARCH 10NEW  
12

PM BRIEFED

Precaution - Hospital turn into specialised hospital (Covid 19-treatment)

## 12 NEW COVID-19 CASES RECORDED

Sg Buloh Hospital may be turned into specialised hospital if a pandemic is declared, says PMO

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**T**HE number of Covid-19 cases in the country has now reached 129 after the first confirmed case was discovered on Jan 25.

Yesterday, another 12 Covid-19 cases were referred to Sungai Buloh Hospital to be treated in its isolation ward.

The 129 cases include patients under investigation, close contacts who tested positive for Covid-19 and those who participated in humanitarian aid missions.

One case, Patient 87, has been discharged from hospital, bringing the total number of people who have recovered from the virus to 25.

Following the possibility that Covid-19 would be declared a pandemic, the government said



Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin chairing a meeting on Covid-19 at the National Centre for Crisis Preparedness and Response at the Health Ministry, Putrajaya, yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

that it was prepared for the eventuality.

The Prime Minister's Office said following this possibility, the government was planning to make Sungai Buloh Hospital a

specialised hospital to treat Covid-19 cases.

It said the government was on the alert and had the means to address the Covid-19 situation in the country.

"The government will continue to boost its capacities available in various ministries and preparation for the possibility of more serious Covid-19 incidents.

"These include boosting as-

pects of human resources, laboratory facilities, health clinics and hospitals for treating Covid-19 cases."

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday visited the National Centre for Crisis Preparedness and Response (CPRC) at the Health Ministry for a briefing on the current status of the outbreak.

He was accompanied by Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Mohd Zuki Ali and heads of agencies.

He arrived at 9.55am and was received by Health director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah and senior officials from the ministry.

Dr Noor Hisham briefed Muhyiddin on CPRC operations, Covid-19 latest data, both domestic and abroad, as well as CPRC hotline centres.

Later, Muhyiddin chaired a meeting together with Dr Noor Hisham, Immigration Department deputy director-general (control) Datuk Abdul Halim Abdul Rahman, Tourism, Arts and Culture Ministry secretary-general Datuk Dr Noor Zari Hamat and representatives from the National Disaster Management Agency and Wisma Putra.

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