

Talking Points
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217th Day of Movement Control Order and 133th Day of Recovery Movement Control Order

•Yesterday (19 October 2020) was the 132nd day of the implementation of the Rehabilitation Movement Control Order (PKPP).

Compliance Operations Task Force

- The Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) through the Compliance Operations Task Force involved 3,101 Compliance Teams consisting of 13,541 members.
- This Task Force has conducted 58,850 inspections to monitor and enforce PKPP SOP compliance.
- A total of 3,509 supermarkets, 4,717 restaurants, 1,409 factories and 1,747 public / agricultural markets were inspected.
- Also inspected, 3,111 places of worship and 1,293 places of leisure.
- PDRM has arrested 460 individuals for violating the PKPP directive.
- Of that number, a total of 440 individuals were compounded.
- A total of 20 individuals were remanded.
- Among the offenses of disobeying PKPP instructions include:
 - o Physical imprisonment (167)
 - o Do not wear face mask (159)
 - o Failed to provide equipment / record personal details (58)
 - o Others (76)
- Task Force will continue to enhance inspections and take action against premises owners and the public who do not comply with the PKPP SOP set.

National Border Control

- Fortress operations involving;
 - o Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM),
 - o Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM),
 - o Malaysian Enforcement Agency (APMM),
 - o Malaysian Immigration Department (JIM),
 - o Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM),
 - o Malaysian Border Control Agency (AKSEM)and other agencies to strictly control the country's borders in an integrated manner from being encroached by Illegal Immigrants (PATI) to curb cross-border crime as well as curb the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic.
- From May to 19 October 2020, a total of 7,546 illegal immigrants and 767 tekong have been successfully detained by the authorities.
- Yesterday, Ops Benteng managed to detain 57 illegal immigrants, and managed to seize 4 land vehicles.
- Of that number, the First Regiment of the Royal Armor Corps has successfully captured 15 illegal immigrants in Tanjung Balau, Kota Tinggi, Johor.

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- A total of 307 Fortress Operation road blocks were also imposed across the country involving:
 - o PDRM - 233 SJR
 - o ATM - 65 SJR
 - o AKSEM - 9 SJR

COVID-19 Public Sanitation Operations

- Ops Public Sanitation under the regulation of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) since 30 March 2020 has conducted 10,594 sanitation operations covering 135 zones.
- Yesterday, a total of 29 sanitation operations covering 8 Red Zones, 8 Yellow Zones and 7 Green Zones in 12 states including 2 Federal Territories namely:
 - o Sabah (9 operations),
 - o Kedah (5 operations),
 - o Penang (4 operations),
 - o Terengganu (2 operations),
 - o Pahang (2 operations),
 - o Selangor (1 operation),
 - o Sarawak (1 operation),
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 - o Perlis (1 operation),
 - o Negeri Sembilan (1 operation),
 - o Melaka (1 operation)
 - o Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur (1 operation) and Putrajaya (1 operation)
- This Sanitation operation involves 123 members of the Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department (JBPM) as well as 220 members of the local authority (PBT) and 15 from other agencies.
- 25 JBPM machinery were also used in Public Sanitation Operations.

Mandatory Quarantine

- From 24 July to 19 October 2020, a total of 51,720 individuals have returned home through international border entrances.
- Of that number, a total of 8,441 individuals are undergoing compulsory quarantine at 67 Hotels and 16 other premises including Public Training Institute (ILA) and Private Institutions of Higher Learning in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Penang, Johor, Sarawak, Kelantan, Perak, Kedah, Perlis, Terengganu, Sabah and Labuan.
- 381 individuals were taken to hospital for treatment while 42,898 individuals were discharged and allowed to return home.

The situation in Sabah

PKPD Kampung Saguking, WP Labuan

- The NSC Special Session today heard the presentation of the Sabah NSC regarding the increase in COVID-19 positive cases in Kampung Saguking, WP Labuan.
- In this regard, on the advice of MOH, today's session agreed to implement the Tightened Movement Control Order (PKPD) involving Kg. Saguking Laut and Kg. Sebor Baru starting October 21, 2020 until November 3, 2020.
- The total number of villagers involved is 8,062 people.
- The implementation of PKPD allows the movement in and out of the area to be controlled and facilitates the implementation of COVID-19 screening test.

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- Security and enforcement will be carried out by security agencies namely PDRM, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (APMM) & Malaysian Immigration Department (JIM)
- Welfare of residents will be managed by Local Authorities (PBT) & Social Welfare Department (JKM)

Residents involved need to undergo a Home Surveillance Order (HSO) and wear a surveillance bracelet when in close contact with those who are symptomatic and have been sampled.

- Movement in and out of PKPD area does not allowed except for emergencies. The working population is also not allowed out of the area.
- All social / religious activities and all forms of gatherings not allowed.
- Barter trade activities carried out in this area are not allowed.
- However, businesses such as grocery stores and food premises and allowed to operate until 6.00pm but take-away only.

Malaysian Armed Forces Assistance

Make-shift Treatment Center at Kepayan Prison, Kota Kinabalu

- Today, the Special Session also heard the presentation from the NSC Sabah on the need to add medical facilities in Kepayan Prison, Kota Kinabalu which is a restricted area starting today as a result of the increase in the number of those tested positive- COVID19 in the prison.
- **Malaysian Armed Forces** agreed to create Make-shift Treatment Center (MTC) in the prison area for used as a treatment center or to isolate patients infected with COVID-19.
- This MTC is a similar model which has been implemented in Pokok Sena Prison, Kedah, prior to this and preparation will be done in the near future.

Hospital Medan

- As previously announced, the Health Services of **Malaysian Armed Forces** will open Medan Hospital in Tawau Sabah and will start operating this week.
- Alhamdulillah, I would like to announce that this field hospital is already operating and has received four patients today.
- This hospital will assist MOH by focusing on the treatment of non-cases COVID-19.
- This gives MOH more hospital space to focus on in dealing with COVID-19 cases.
- In addition, if the positive cases of COVID-19 in Sabah continue to increase and need help with health support, **Malaysian Armed Forces** is ready to prepare another Hospital in that area as determined by MOH

Work From Home

- NSC Special Session chaired by the YAB Prime Minister today heard MOHs presentation on the current COVID-19 situation in the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Labuan, Selangor and Sabah.

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- Looking at the increasing trend of positive COVID-19 cases in the state and these regions, there is a need to tighten control of inbound and outbound movement activities involving this area.
- MOH has also previously announced that there are 9 clusters from workplace in the state of Selangor until today. Hence, according to MOH's advice, NSC Special Session today agreed that employees for the public sector and private employees at managerial level and in the supervision department are not required to come to the office and only work from home (Work From Home).
- MITI also informed that almost 800,000 employees from the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Labuan, Selangor and Sabah will be involved with this directive.
- This directive will also involve nearly 200,000 employees in the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Labuan, Selangor and Sabah
- However, there are exceptions to such work which requires to be done in the office such as those involved in making payments, management, enforcement and welfare departments.
- The employer is instructed to issue a travel letter for each staff member who have to work in the office during this period.
- MITI will issue a media statement regarding this directive in the near future.
- Workers living in red zone areas need to do swab tests and if the employer contributes to Social Security Organisation SOCSO, it will be free of charge for them.
- The implementation of this directive will take effect starting October 22 2020 until the implementation of CMCO in the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Labuan, Selangor and Sabah are over.

Foreign Worker Screening

- Previously the government stipulated that foreign workers in the construction sector and security guards must do swab tests as a preventive measure of COVID-19 positive case transmission in the workplace.
- The NSC Special Session today agreed that foreign workers in Selangor, WP Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Sabah and Labuan will be subjected to swab tests.
- For foreign workers whose employers contribute to Social Security Organization (SOCSO), swab test is free.

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