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Excerpt Of Talking Points of YB Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob Menteri Kanan Pertahanan Dated 21st October 2020

Fake News

- As of 21st October 2020, a total of 273 investigation papers have been analysed by Royal Malaysian Police and Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission related to fake news on Covid-19. Of these, 136 are still in investigation, while 35 cases have been brought to court, 21 were found guilty, 13 are in the trial process and 12 were given a warning letter. Active enforcement is currently underway based on public reports.
- At the same time 398 rectifications and explanations in response to the fake news has been explained to the public by the Quick Response Team (PRP) of the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia (KKMM) which was established to curb the spread of fake news related to COVID-19.
- Today on social media a fake news went viral claiming 90% of COVID-19 positive individuals had visited Shopping malls around Klang Valley.
- People are reminded to be careful before disseminating any content that is doubtful, and to always check in advance the validity of news from official or reliable sources. Information/news are not necessarily always authentic, if we circulate, and if it is found to be untrue, you may also be charged by the authorities.
- In the event of any news which is doubtful, you can channel information to the hotline at 03-8911 5103 or visit WWW.SEBENARNYA.MY to check its validity.

PKPD Seberang Perai Prison and Prison Housing Quarters Across Seberang Perai

- National Security Council's Special Session today heard a presentation from MOH regarding the increase in positive cases of COVID-19 involving Clusters in Seberang Perai Prison and Seberang Perai Prison Housing Quarters, Sungai Jawi, Seberang Perai Selatan district, Penang.
 - To control the spread of prisons and quarters, the staff, based on the advice of MOH, NSC this have agreed to implement EMCO in Seberang Perai Prison and Seberang Perai Prison Housing Quarters starting 22 October 2020 to 4 November 2020.
- The implementation of EMCO means that movement in and out of the area are controlled and COVID-19 screening test can be facilitated.
- The total number of individuals involved is 3,262 people including inmates (2,110 people), prison staff and families who live in quarters (1,000 people), prison staff who do not inhabited quarters (120 people) and civil servants (32 people).
 - Detainees who will be released during the EMCO period will isolated and will be quarantined at the place decided upon by the Penang State Disaster Management Committee namely at the Mara Institute of Excellence Training (MEC), Seberang District Perai Selatan until the end of the quarantine period.

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EMCO in Housing Flat in Taman Harmoni Sandakan

- Today's Special Session also heard the presentation from NSC Sabah on the increase in COVID-19 positive cases in Housing Flat area in Taman Harmony, Sandakan.
- Based on the advice of the MOH, the Special Session today agreed to implement the Tightened Movement Control Order (PKPD) in Taman Harmoni effective 23 October 2020 until 5 November 2020.
- This EMCO will involve 870 units of houses with a total of 4,481 population.
- With the implementation of this order all residents are required comply with the prescribed SOPs:
- All residents in the affected areas are not allowed to leave from their respective homes.
- For emergency cases such as illness and death, they are allowed to exit but need to submit an application to Royal Malaysian Police.
- MOH will conduct targeted screening to all residents involved.
- Food supplies will be distributed by the state Government which will be coordinated by the State Disaster Operations Control Center.
- To ensure compliance with this order, the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM), Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM), Defense Forces Public Malaysia (APM), Department of Volunteers Malaysia (RELA), Local Authorities and authorized officers, will control the entire area involved
- Further information and related SOPs can be found on the NSC website.

Work From Home

- Yesterday I announced working from home instructions for public sector and industrial workers in Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Labuan, Selangor and Sabah effective October 22, 2020 until the expiration period of PKPB.
- As explained yesterday, the Director General Civil Service and Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) will issue a statement for employees in the public sector and the industries involved.
- Today the Director General of Public Service has issued a circular regarding this instruction where the Head The department shall ensure all officers at the I management and administration levels that are not required to be in office, to work from home.
- However, the working from home instructions are exempted for public officers who are in the important services and classified as critical to ensure delivery service is not affected and runs smoothly.
- Today, MITI also issued the statement of direction to working from home involving nearly 800,000 industrial workers
- MITI has also held discussions with these industry associations and ask them to explain to members regarding these instructions and related SOPs.
- Further details on these instructions can be found on the MITI website.
- For workers in other sectors categorized as informal sectors such as retail, food, plantation, agriculture, hawkers, food stalls, restaurants, food courts, grocery stores, convenience stores etc. are allowed to work as usual according to the CMCO SOP that has been set.

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- Similarly, employees for transportation services such as public transport, express buses, LRT, taxis, e-hailing and services food delivery (delivery service) can also work as usual.
- Employers need to issue a travel departure letter for each staff member allowed to work during the period of CMCO.
- The execution of these instructions is the same as enforced during the implementation of PKPB nationwide on May 2020.

Swab Test Workers In The Red Zone

- Swab test is mandatory for foreign workers who are working in the construction and security guard sectors.
- Those who are symptomatic are required to undergo a swab test.
- For workers from the red zone who need to work in the office, they are also recommended to undergo a swab test.
- This is to ensure early detection of COVID-19 infection to prevent the existence of new clusters in the workplace.

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