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98 deaths at detention camps

A TOTAL of 98 people died at the 10 Immigration detention camps of various diseases and ailments such as AIDS, heart diseases, cancer, accidents, stomachache, suffocation and kidney failure from the time the camps were set up to March 31, this year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, also Home Minister, said this in a written reply to Lim Kit Siang (DAP-Tanjong), who wanted to know the number of deaths at the camps as of this month.

Dr Mahathir gave details of the number of deaths according to nationality at each camp.

The Tanah Merah, Kelapa Sawit and Sandakan camps recorded the least number of deaths with a Bangladeshi, two Indonesians and one Indonesian respectively.

The Semenyih camp recorded the highest number of deaths at 43, with 29 Bangladeshis, seven Indonesians, five Indians, a Myanmar, and a Nepalese.

Pekan Nenas recorded 15 deaths with 14 Indonesians, and one Pakistani.

The other camps are at Langkap, Juru, Macap Umboo, and Kemayan with seven deaths each, and Lenggeng with eight.

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