

# BA NEWSLETTER



## AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

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Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of BA Newsletter 2020. This edition covers the 3 months of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020 from April to June. It has been a 3-month challenging period for Argentina including the Embassy of Malaysia with the Mandatory Quarantine being implemented and extended several times due to the increase of COVID-19 cases. It has been more than 100 days Mandatory Quarantine being executed, nonetheless, the Embassy has managed to operate in fulfilling its responsibility despite the limitation and constraint. Even though commercial flights in Argentina will only be fully in operation on 1 September 2020, the Embassy managed to assist Malaysians leaving the country, certainly through the close cooperation with the Government of Argentina. Even during this tough period, the Embassy also managed to take the opportunity to participate in the World#QuranHour as well as created a Tik Tok Video Sampul Duit Raya as part of celebrating Hari Raya in Buenos Aires.

This will also be my last remark in BA Newsletter as I ended my Tour of Duty on 30 June 2020, marking my 3 years 3 months serving as the Ambassador of Malaysia to Argentina. The past three years have been exciting, interesting, and full of wonderful experiences for me and also for my family. As an Ambassador, I believe I had fulfilled my responsibility in strengthening the bilateral relations between Malaysia and Argentina, as well as with Uruguay and Paraguay. During my tenure here, the level of the relations between Malaysia and Argentina has increased especially after the visit of the Malaysian Foreign Minister as well as Malaysian Minister of International Trade and Industry to Argentina. I have no doubt that the relations between both countries can be even stronger with more trades and cooperation. I have made my journey to number of places in Argentina, meeting the Governors, officials and even students to promote Malaysia's national interest. I have also been to Uruguay and made the same effort to increase the bilateral relations between Malaysia and Uruguay. I was not able to go to Paraguay, but I did manage to engage with fellow Paraguayans in Argentina.

I would say that my biggest achievement in Argentina is the creation of ASEAN Committee in Buenos Aires (ACBA). It was established on 26 April 2018, which on that year as well, I served as the first Chairman for one full year. ACBA has enhanced and strengthened ASEAN cooperation and solidarity with Argentina, dialogue partner's countries, as well as other regional and international organization in the Republic of Argentina. This would be my legacy here in Argentina and I hope ACBA will be the steppingstone for more cooperation and collaboration in the future.

I hope you will enjoy this edition as I bid farewell to Argentina, wishing all the best to all my acquaintances that I have met during my stay here. I'll keep in my heart all the good memories here and wishing success to the Embassy of Malaysia in Buenos Aires. *Adios* and signing out.

**DATO' MOHD KHALID ABBASI ABDUL RAZAK**



Dirgahayu KDYMM Tuanku Merafak Sembah dan Setinggi-tinggi Ucapan Tahniah

Sembah takzim daripada: Warga Kedutaan Besar Malaysia,  
Buenos Aires, Argentina — at [Embassy of Malaysia Buenos Aires](#).

# DIRGAHAYU

MERAFAK SEMBAH DAN SETINGGI - TINGGI UCAPAN TAHNIAH



**KEBAWAH DULI YANG MAHA MULIA  
SERI PADUKA BAGINDA YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG  
AL-SULTAN ABDULLAH RI'AYATUDDIN AL-MUSTAFA BILLAH SHAH  
IBNI ALMARHUM SULTAN HAJI AHMAD SHAH AL-MUSTA'IN BILLAH**

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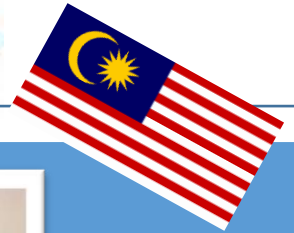
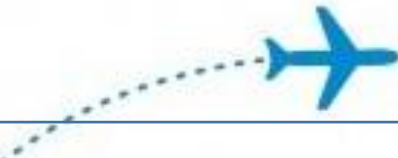
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**SAMBUTAN ULANG TAHUN HARI KEPUTERAAN RASMI  
KEBAWAH DULI YANG MAHA MULIA TUANKU**

*pada*

**8 JUN 2020 BERSAMAAN 16 SYAWAL 1441H**

AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL



The Embassy staff organized a farewell luncheon for Ambassador Dato' Mohd Khalid Abbasi Abdul Razak. At the event, Ambassador was presented with a farewell video as well as farewell gifts from the staff.





Ambassador Dato' Khalid and Datin Aniza presented souvenirs to Embassy's staff before leaving.



Ambassador Dato' Khalid paid a farewell call on Deputy Foreign Minister, H.E. Pablo Tettamanti. The call was made through a phone call due to the mandatory quarantine.

## COVID-19 IN ARGENTINA



After more than 100 days of quarantine, the authorities of Argentina decided to extend the mandatory quarantine again, mainly in the AMBA area (which includes the city of Buenos Aires and part of the province of Buenos Aires).

The reason for these measures is that 90% of Covid 19 positive cases in Argentina are concentrated in AMBA. The other provinces are gradually lifting the lockdown.

So far, Argentina has more than 70,000 cases and more than 1,000 deaths. The authorities consider that the country already reached the peak of cases, as everyday there are more than 2,000 new cases in the country. The lockdown was currently extended until July 17<sup>th</sup>, and people can only leave their homes to buy essential products. Only essential workers are allowed to leave their homes for work.



## Announcement by the President of Argentina on the Extension of the Mandatory Quarantine Period

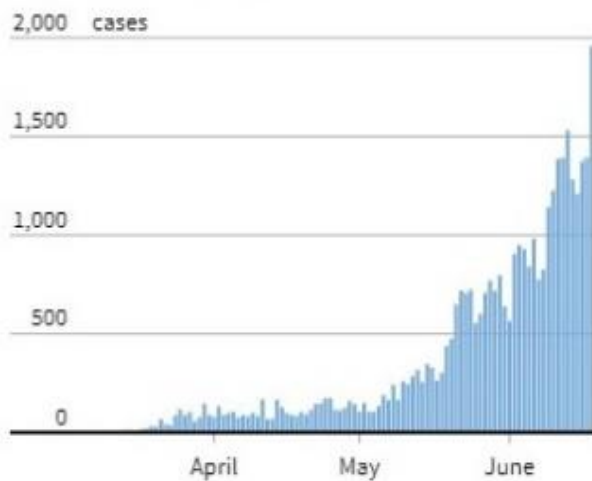
- ❖ 19 March 2020 - President Alberto Fernandez, President of Argentina announced mandatory quarantine for the nation starting from 00.00 hours, 20 March 2020 until 24.00 hours, 31 March 2020.
- ❖ 30 March 2020 - President Alberto Fernandez, President of Argentina announced the extension of the Mandatory Quarantine Period to 12 April 2020.
- ❖ 10 April 2020 - President of Argentina, Alberto Fernandez has announced the extension of the Mandatory Quarantine Period for another 14 days to 26 April 2020.
- ❖ 26 April 2020 - President of Argentina, Alberto Fernandez announced the extension of the Mandatory Quarantine Period to 10 May 2020.
- ❖ 9 May 2020 - President of Argentina, Alberto Fernandez announced the extension of the Mandatory Quarantine Period to 24 May 2020 in the City of Buenos Aires and the metropolitan area.
- ❖ 23 May 2020 - President of Argentina, Alberto Fernandez announced the extension of the Mandatory Quarantine Period to 7 June 2020 in the City of Buenos Aires and areas of the Province of Buenos Aires bordering City.
- ❖ 4 June 2020 - President of Argentina, Alberto Fernandez announced the extension of the Mandatory Quarantine Period to 28 June 2020 in the City of Buenos Aires, areas of the Province of Buenos Aires bordering City, Chaco, Cordoba, Rio Negro and Trelew (in the province of Neuquén).
- ❖ 26 June 2020 - President of Argentina, Alberto Fernandez announced the extension of the Mandatory Quarantine Period to 17 July 2020 for Buenos Aires metropolitan area (Buenos Aires City and Province of Buenos Aires).
- ❖ 17 July 2020 - President of Argentina, Alberto Fernandez announced the extension of the Mandatory Quarantine Period to 2 August 2020.

## Argentina coronavirus cases

Argentina has closed its borders and extended an obligatory quarantine period around the capital until late-June in a bid to limit the spread of coronavirus. That has helped keep confirmed infections below neighbors Brazil, Chile and Peru, though new case numbers have climbed sharply in recent weeks.

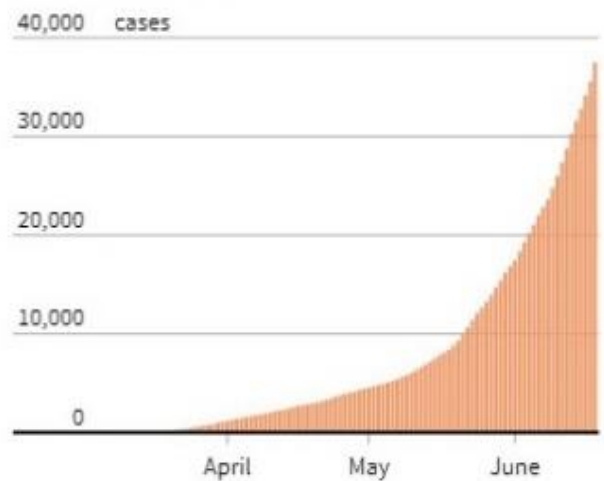
### STARTING TO CLIMB

Daily new confirmed cases



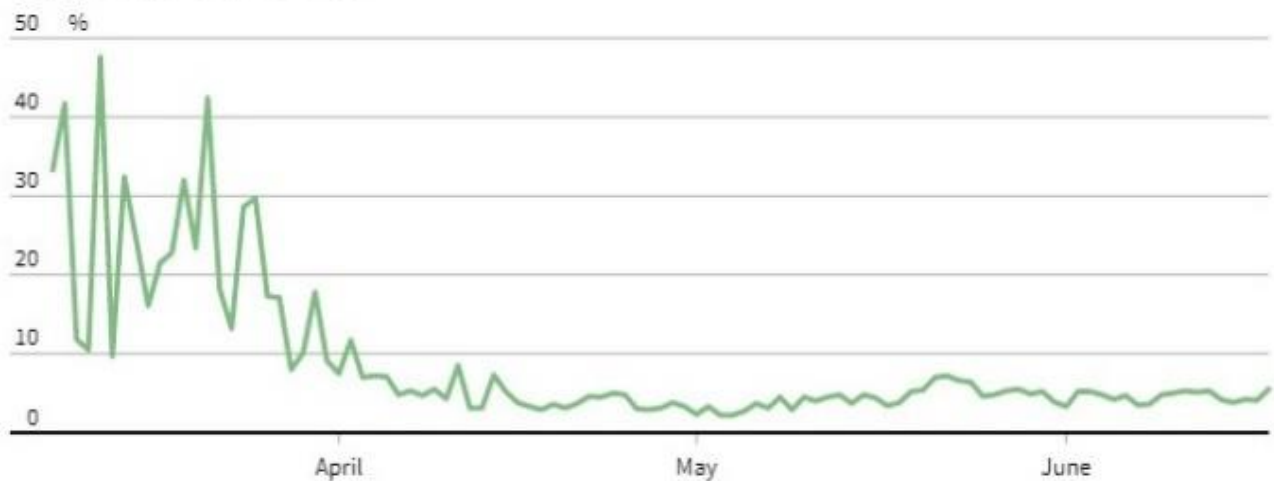
### RUNNING TOTAL

Total confirmed cases



### SLOWING THE SPREAD?

Daily percentage rise in new cases



Source: Ministry of Health

Adam Jourdan | REUTERS GRAPHICS

- ❖ COVID-19 TASK FORCE MEETINGS
- ❖ CONSULAR ASSISTANCES



23 April 2020 – Ambassador chaired the 4/2020 Home-Based Staff (HBS) meeting after a month of mandatory quarantine in Argentina.



We discussed on the admin and financial matters, the latest developments of the COVID-19 pandemic in Argentina, consular assistance efforts and the wellbeing of fellow Malaysians in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay.



23 April 2020 - After the imposing of mandatory quarantine in Argentina from 20 March 2020, the embassy was operating with minimal staffs as we implemented the telework concept.



After a month, all officers and staff had a meeting and review the onwards office operation. Ambassador had the opportunity to chair a staff meeting where he shared with all the importance to maintain good hygiene, discuss the latest Covid-19 updates in Argentina and Malaysia, our continued consular assistance and the way forward, certainly a good interactive session with strict social distancing that had benefited all of us.



May 22, 2020 – Emergency Response Team, Embassy of Malaysia in Buenos Aires, Argentina has facilitated the repatriation of five (5) Malaysians who were unable to return home due to the implementation of mandatory quarantine in Argentina.



Ambassador also distributed some face masks to all embassy's team.



**TEMUBUAL**  
**USAHA MEMBANTU RAKYAT MALAYSIA PULANG KE TANAH AIR**  
**21 APRIL 2020**  
**7.30 PAGI**  
**astro AWANI**

**TYT DATO' MOHD KHALID ABBASI ABDUL RAZAK**  
**DUTA BESAR MALAYSIA KE ARGENTINA**

Siaran langsung bersama TYT. Dato' Mohd Khalid Abbasi bin Abdul Razak, Duta Besar Malaysia ke Argentina dalam temubual berkenaan "Usaha Membantu Rakyat Malaysia Pulang Ke Tanah Air" pada 21 April 2020 (Selasa) jam 7.30 pagi (Waktu Malaysia) di saluran Astro Awani.



ASEAN ACTIVITIES

### Farewell Luncheon and Handover ACBA Presidency to Embassy of Thailand

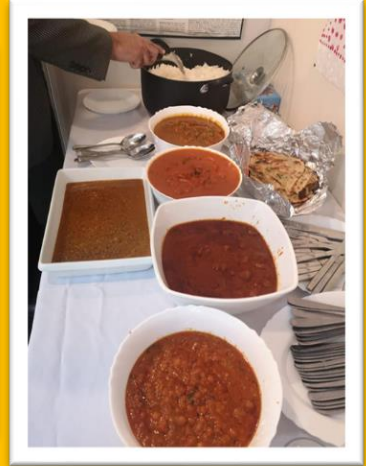
On 19 June 2020 – ACBA Meeting chaired by the Ambassador of Vietnam was held at the Residence of Thailand. In the same event, the Handover of the ASEAN Presidency to Embassy of Thailand also took place.

Then, a Farewell Luncheon was also hosted in honour of Dato' Mohd Khalid Abbasi Abdul Razak. All ASEAN Ambassador presented a Plaque of Appreciation to H.E Dato' Mohd Khalid Abbasi Abdul Razak in recognition of his pioneering initiative and tireless endeavour in establishing and promoting the ASEAN Committee in Buenos Aires (ACBA) during his tenure in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



EMBASSY ACTIVITIES

On the last day before the beginning of Ramadan, Ambassador hosted a luncheon for the Embassy staff as reward for the hard work.



15 April 2020 - Mission received surgical masks from the Ministry for the use of Mission's frontlines i.e. officers and staff. HE Ambassador distributed the masks to officers and staff, a big thanks to Wisma Putra for the care and love



MEDIA DIPLOMACY

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Utama Mutakhir GLOBAL ARENA RAP/RAPXTRA BISNES METROTV COVID-19 PKP PRK CHINI

AKADEMA #TOMETRO NUANSA SANTAI P&P DEKOTAMAN WM ADDIN RENCANA SHAT XPRESI VROOM GALERI INFOGRAFIK

Covid-19: Sembuh selepas koma 45 hari

MOHD Zaidy dirai kakitangan Hospital Houssay, Argentina. FOTO Ihsan Queasa web

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Covid-19: Sembuh selepas koma 45 hari

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SEPERTI satu keajaiban apabila seorang rakyat Malaysia yang sebelum ini koma selama 45 hari disebabkan wabak Covid-19 akhirnya pulih sepenuhnya.

Pada 15 Mac lalu, Mohd Zaidy Abdul Rahman, 43, dimasukkan ke Unit Rawatan Rapi (ICU) di Hospital Houssay, Argentina dan terpaksa menggunakan mesin bantuan pernafasan.

Bagaimanapun selepas hampir dua bulan dirawat dan bergantung dengan mesin bantuan pernafasan, pada 1 Mei lalu lelaki itu sedar dan pulih sepenuhnya dari wabak berkenaan.

Wisma Putra dalam satu kenyataan berkata, Mohd Zaidy dirawat bersama seorang lagi rakyat Malaysia, Zaid Abdullah, 69.

"Mohd Zaidy diletakkan dalam unit rawatan rapi (ICU) dan memerlukan alat bantuan sokongan pernafasan, namun ajalnya dia sedar selepas koma selama 45 hari.

"Dia kemudiannya dibenarkan keluar hospital pada 1 Mei, manakala Zaid pula diarahkan keluar dari hospital berkenaan 26 Mac lalu," kata Wisma Putra.

Wisma Putra berkata, Duta Besar Malaysia ke Argentina, Datuk Mohd Khalid Abbasi Abdul Razak turut menghantar surat penghargaan kepada hospital terabit bagi mengucapkan terima kasih terhadap usaha mereka membantu dua rakyat Malaysia berkenaan.

Sebelum dibenarkan keluar, dia turut diraikan dalam satu acara perpisahan khas dengan iringan lagu serta petikan gitar oleh kakitangan hospital.

Turut mengiringi majlis berkenaan ialah petikan gitar oleh kakitangan hospital terabit.

Berita kesembuhan Mohd Zaidy itu turut mendapat liputan meluas di portal dan media sosial di Argentina.

Sebelum ini, kedua-dua individu terabit dipercayai ke Argentina untuk berkahwin secara berkumpulan selama dua bulan namun tidak lama kemudian negara itu diserang pandemik Covid-19.

- [Lagi berita berkaitan Covid-19](#)

Dapatkan Maklumat Terkini, Statistik dan Sidang Media **COVID-19**

Mutakhir

- Kane sanggup berkorban - Mourinho
- Guardiola hargai jasa Silva
- Asyairah serasi pendekatan kesederhanaan
- Impian Liverpool musnah
- Unit amanah baharu
- Meninggal hari pertama
- Penumpang laluan udara meningkat
- Lelaki kian bertambah
- Buka akaun CIMB secara atas talian
- Beli rumah dapat isteri
- Boleh tempah Myvi versi 2020
- Saksi 'awan karpet'
- Semarak kraf [METROTV]
- Famili tertekan
- Nak 'tangkap' rimau



WISMA PUTRA

**Wisma Putra**  
- May 24

Pasukan Petindak Kecemasan Malawakil Buenos Aires, Argentina telah memudahcara urusan membawa pulang lima orang rakyat Malaysia yang telah menjalani tempoh kuarantin wajib di Argentina dengan menaiki penerbangan Qatar Airways. Mereka dijangka tiba di Malaysia petang ini. Terima kasih Malawakil Buenos Aires di atas kerjasama yang diberikan.

Hishammuddin Hussein  
Dato' Kamarudin Jaffar - P124 Bandar Tun Razak  
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محمد عزت انعام تولى Selamat hari Raya 🙏 Fi amanillah moga moga semua nya di permudahkan Allah 🙏🙏  
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**AWANI Pagi: Perkembangan rakyat Malaysia di Argentina**  
 Duta Besar Malaysia ke Argentina , Datuk Mohd Khalid Abbasi Abdul Raz...

➤ News on AWANI Pagi: **Perkembangan Rakyat Malaysia di Argentina** was published via this link:  
<https://youtu.be/Mc72Hx1yK0s>

## Embajador de Malasia culmina exitosa misión diplomática

Siento que mi familia y yo no tuvimos tiempo suficiente para explorar la magnífica Argentina



**2017 TO 2020**  
 TIME TO REMEMBER

 Ser diplomático podríamos decir que es una de las carreras mas apasionantes, gratificantes y enriquecedoras que un ser humano pueda tener.  
 Sin embargo, deben estar dispuestos a sacrificar muchos aspectos de su vida personal.  
 Entre las funciones mas atractivas, están en primer lugar, el orgullo, no solo de servir a su Nación, sino de representar a su país ante el mundo; como así también, establecer y fomentar relaciones entre los países, sean estas culturales o económicas. En definitiva, se dedican a tender puentes, a unir visiones distintas. Claro, todo esto dentro de un marco de protocolos, costumbres y elegancia. Podríamos decir que el diplomático vive varias vidas dentro de la misma vida.  
 Sin lugar a dudas afirmamos que son personas con una mentalidad abierta al mundo, que dejan su impronta donde llegan y se llevan algo del lugar en que parten.  
 Tratar con el Sr. Embajador de Malasia en Argentina, Su Excelencia, Dato' Mohd Khalid Abbasi Abdul Razak, quien culmina su gestión diplomática, nos permitió conocer de cerca un maravilloso país, muy rico culturalmente, dueño una exquisita gastronomía y comprobar personalmente la increíble hospitalidad de su gente.

➤ The Ambassador of Malaysia ends a successful Tour of Duty in Argentina, by Ambito Internacional  
<http://ambitointernacional.com/embajador-de-malasia-culmina-exitosa-mision-diplomatica/>

PERWAKILAN BA



TYT Duta Besar, Pegawai dan keluarga Kedutaan telah berkesempatan untuk menyertai WORLD#QuranHour, Rabu, 20 Ramadan 1441H bersamaan 13 Mei 2020 di kediaman masing-masing, syukur alhamdulillah.

Melalui platform media sosial semua Pegawai dan keluarga dapat menghayati bacaan secara bersama. Mudah-mudahan solidariti kami untuk membaca, dan menghayati Surah Ar-Rahman bersama-sama dari rumah akan menjadi sebuah gelombang menjemput rahmat dan ihsan oleh Allah S. W.T, dalam suasana pandemik COVID-19 dan gawatnya situasi sosioekonomi negara dan dunia saat ini.



Membaca Surah Ar-Rahman (Surah ke 55-78 Ayat) serta terjemahannya bersama keluarga, seterusnya menghayati 4 Nikmat Utama dari Surah Ar-Rahman telah menunjukkan betapa rahmat Allah S.W.T menyeimbangkan, dan memulihkan dunia, keharmonian sejagat dengan kasih dan sayangnya.



# VIDEO -SAMPUL DUIT RAYA KEDUTAAN BESAR MALAYSIA, BUENOS AIRES



Video Sampul Duit Raya  
2020, Kedutaan  
Malaysia, Buenos Aires,  
Argentina



## UCAPAN KHAS HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI

PERWAKILAN BUENOS AIRES  
with you  
**Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri!**  
May the Guidance and Blessing of Allah Be With You and Your Family

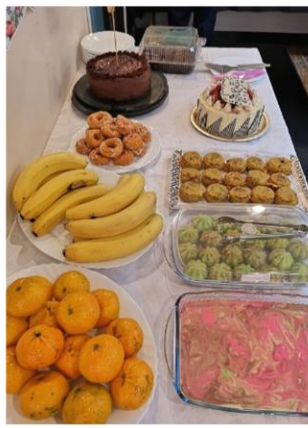
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KEDUTAAN BESAR MALAYSIA,  
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

**SELAMAT HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI  
MAAF ZAHIR DAN BATIN**

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**FAREWELL LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF DATIN ANIZA MOHAMAD TAMIL, CHAIRPERSON OF PERWAKILAN**

*On 8 June 2020, PERWAKILAN ladies together with the Embassy staff, organized a farewell luncheon for Datin Aniza, Chairperson of PERWAKILAN BA.*



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