

## **19m Malaysians haven't registered for Covid-19 vaccine: PM**

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The number of people who have registered for Covid-19 vaccination through the MySejahtera app is still low compared to the total number of Malaysians and non-citizens eligible to be inoculated, said Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said as of yesterday, only 7.6 million of the targeted 26.7 million people have signed up through MySejahtera.

"I consider this figure as still small. For sure, this (getting the numbers) is important to reach our desired level to more successfully contain the Covid-19 transmission and at the same time, revitalise or restore the country's economy more rapidly.

"There is a correlation between rolling off the vaccine plan and the recovery of our nation's economy," he said when officiating the Blood Donation Drive 2021 programme today.

He said the Covid-19 pandemic problem has yet to be resolved with the emergence of new variants in the community.

"From what we see, almost all sectors of the economy have resumed operations and businesses have reopened. And I think the situation is getting better and better.

"This is what we are hoping to see in the next few months. Within this year the forecast of improvement in our economy will be seen in the second or third (quarter of the year)... our gross domestic product growth is projected at six to 7.5 percent," he said.

As such, Muhyiddin urged the relevant parties to reach out to those who have not yet registered for the vaccination by providing further information to help them do so through MySejahtera.

He also advised the people to continue adhering to the standard operating procedures that have been set to curb the spread of Covid-19.

Meanwhile, the prime minister called on all Malaysians, especially those who have not donated blood before, to take the first step in becoming a regular blood donor as part of a healthy lifestyle.

He said the blood supply at the National Blood Centre (PDN) and blood banks nationwide were running low while the demand for blood was increasing.

"Every day the country needs at least 2,000 bags of blood to cater to about 1,000 patients. In the Klang Valley alone, PDN needs 500 to 600 bags of blood a day.

"Therefore, I call on all community groups to come forward to donate blood to help save the lives of patients and further improve the health of the local community," he added.

Muhyiddin also thanked NGOs and charitable bodies that organised blood donation programmes across the country.

The two-day annual blood donation drive, organised by Muhyiddin Charity Golf Foundation in collaboration with PDN and IGB Real Estate Investment Trust, kicked off today at Mid Valley Megamall.

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