

Govt completes purchase, payments of vaccine supplies – PM

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The government has completed the purchase and payments for Covid-19 vaccine supplies to accelerate vaccination in the country.

Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said he had also instructed all ministers involved in the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP) to ask the vaccine manufacturers to provide Malaysia with the supplies faster.

“I have explained this at the national level that we need to increase vaccination rate up to 400,000 doses per day. Now, we have reached almost 250,000 doses per day.

"So, there is still room for improvement and this was based on the delivery of vaccines that we have secured. The total number is more than we need nationwide.

“It’s not that we did not purchase (the vaccine). We did and we have paid for it. It’s just that the supplies have yet to arrive because the whole world is in need of the vaccine. That is why we made sure we have enough supplies,” he told a press conference after visiting the vaccination centre at the Dewan Muafakat Johor Bukit Gambir today.

He said several vaccination centres were also ready to increase their vaccination capacity, but could not do so due to the shortage of vaccine supplies.

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