

Dr M, wife give thumbs up after getting their jabs

LANGKAWI: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali have received their first Covid-19 vaccine jab and are feeling fine.

Dr Mahathir, 95, was administered the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine by Kuah Health Clinic matron Rosmini Che Lah while Dr Siti Hasmah was given her jab by the clinic's head nurse Siti Hamizah Masdar at the Vaccine Dispensing Centre at the Langkawi Sports Complex yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said he did not feel any side effects after being vaccinated and urged the people to sign up for the immunisation programme.

"The (whole process) was over in less than a minute. I did not feel any headache, and I hope all Malaysians will get vaccinated in order for us to fight Covid-19. This vaccine will give us protection," he told reporters after receiving his jab.

He said people should not have any doubt about the vaccination as the vaccine has been proven safe and effective.

"I heard some people lack confidence in the vaccine and believe



No pain at all: Rosmini injecting the vaccine into Dr Mahathir's arm at the Langkawi District Covid-19 Vaccination Centre.

that it can cause other diseases; That's totally not true.

"In the US, more than 20 million people have been vaccinated and we have not heard of people facing problems after getting their jabs.

"Even the elderly could be comfortably administered the vaccine.

"This vaccine has been tested and found effective.

"I feel protected from Covid-19 after getting the jab as I will feel at ease going to any place," Dr Mahathir added.

He said people should quickly sign up for the vaccination to help the government speed up the immunisation process to curb the spread of the virus.

Langkawi district health officer

Dr Mansor Ismail said Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah were examined by their personal doctors before going for their jabs. — Bernama