

DR M: DON'T KEEP CATEGORY 3 GROUP AT HOME

They should be in temporary hospitals, such as military field hospitals, says former PM

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C OVID-19 patients in Category Three should be monitored in a health facility and not left at home for quarantine, said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

In a blog post yesterday, the former prime minister said these patients could recover if placed in temporary hospitals, such as military field hospitals.

“Category Three patients have lung infections. When it gets worse, they cannot get treatment at home.

“Family members at home cannot help because they should not be near the patient.

“The doctor cannot be contacted. The patient’s condition deteriorates. There is no oxygen (tank) in the house. Eventually, the patient dies.

“Those in this category can be saved, their numbers are not that high. Temporary hospitals can be

set up, only needing oxygen and doctors and nurses.”

A Category Three Covid-19 infection is when a patient has pneumonia and requires observation by healthcare workers.

Dr Mahathir said more than 1,000 patients were in Category Three and could undergo quarantine in temporary hospitals.

He said halls in buildings, such as hotels, could be equipped with beds, oxygen tanks, doctors and nurses.

He added that if patients’ condition worsened, healthcare workers could provide medical attention.

“If there is a lack of response (to treatment), patients can be transferred to a regular hospital.”

He said doctors and nurses could conduct home visits to quarantined Categories One and Two patients to ensure they received oxygen supply if their condition worsened.

He added that severe cases could be transferred to a hospital or a hospital for Category Three patients.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia was seeing a sharp increase in Covid-19 deaths, with an average of 400 deaths daily, a portion of which were those brought in dead.

“Why is this happening now? It is because the infection rate is increasing. It is impossible that all those infected are warded in hospitals.”



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