

PM: 80pc OF ADULTS FULLY VACCINATED

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Continue efforts to combat Covid-19, says Ismail Sabri as efforts stepped up to track down unvaxxed

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MALAYSIA has achieved its target of vaccinating 80 per cent of its adults against Covid-19, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said yesterday.

However, Ismail Sabri urged Malaysians to continue efforts to combat the coronavirus.

“Congratulations! Malaysia has achieved its 80 per cent adult population vaccination target.

“Let’s continue with our efforts to combat Covid-19 #LindungDiriLindungSemua,” he said on Twitter.

Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin also shared the news with the tweet: “At 1300hrs (1pm) today, Malaysia reached the target of 80 per cent of its adult population being fully vaccinated.

“Although the initial target was 80 per cent of the adult population, now the Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Access Guarantee Special Committee (JKJAV) will try to track down the 20 per cent who have not or refused to be vaccinated.”

JKJAV data on Monday showed that 79.6 per cent of adults have been completely vaccinated.

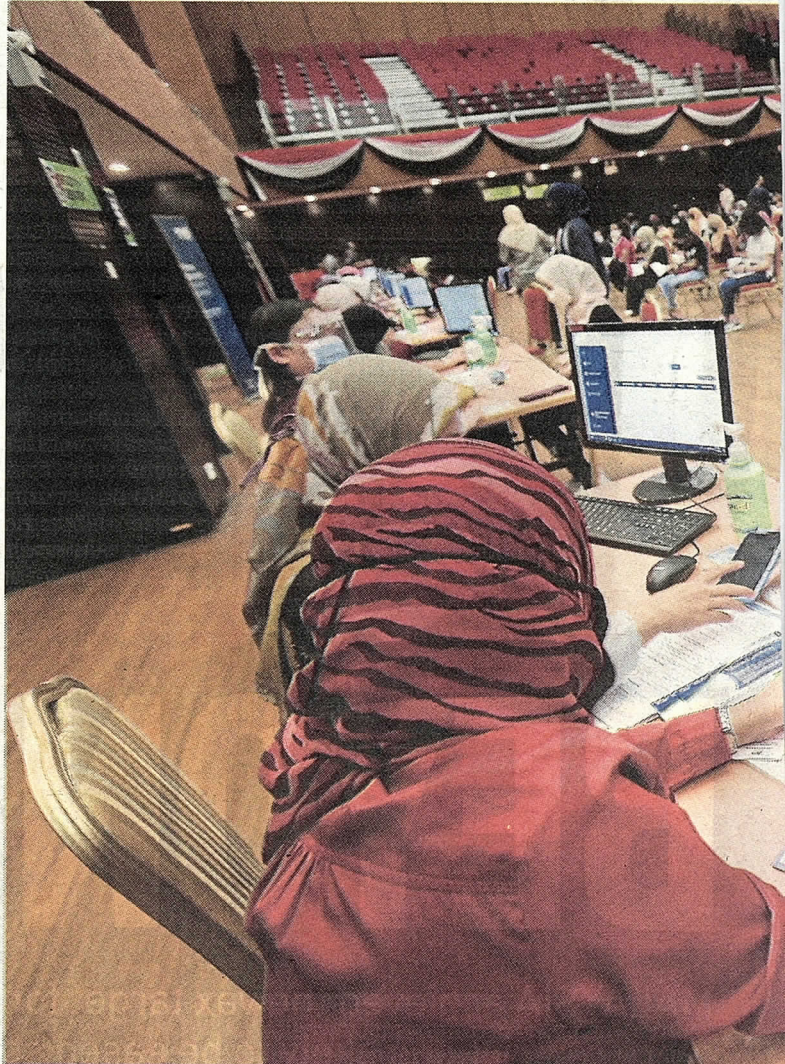
However, the day also saw a rise in brought-in-dead (BID) Covid-19 cases and hospitalisation rate.

The Health Ministry’s Covid-Now portal showed that BID cases jumped drastically from 64 on Friday to 92 on Monday.

It was the eighth consecutive day that Malaysia logged over 300 deaths since Sept 13 when the country reported 413 deaths.

Covid-19 fatalities recorded on Monday, however, declined to 301 from the 376 registered the previous day. The fatalities reported on Monday raise the country’s Covid-19 death toll to 23,744.

Klang Valley reported the most



number of deaths, with Selangor logging 130 deaths followed by 13 deaths in Kuala Lumpur.

As of Monday, the seven-day average of confirmed Covid-19 deaths in the country was 108.

Based on data for the last two weeks, Penang accounted for most of the Covid-19 deaths with 17.5 deaths for every 100,000 people.

The number of Covid-19 patients admitted to hospitals also increased slightly to 11,321 on Monday from 11,277 recorded the previous day.

It was the first time the number of hospitalisations had increased since Aug 17.

Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said 76 per cent, or 1,595, of Intensive Care Unit beds set aside for Covid-19 patients were in use.

In Perlis, all 11 ICU beds were being used, while Terengganu, Penang, Johor, Kelantan and Sarawak reported a more than 90 per cent bed occupancy rate.

However, the number of patients requiring ICU treatment dropped to 1,154, with patients requiring ventilator support also decreasing to 633.

Johor had the highest hospital bed occupancy rate at 89.8 per cent, while only 40.7 per cent of beds in Kuala Lumpur hospitals were occupied as of yesterday.

Malaysia recorded 15,759 Covid-19 cases as of noon yesterday, raising the national tally to 2,127,934.

Sarawak remained the state with the most number of cases at 3,732, followed by Johor at 1,959 and Selangor at 1,934.

Penang reported 1,417 new cases, Kelantan (1,338), Sabah (1,291), Perak (1,184), Kedah (786), Pahang (707), Terengganu (592), Kuala Lumpur (359), Melaka (264) and Negri Sembilan with 127. Putrajaya, Perlis and Labuan reported 34, 23 and 12 cases respectively.

Malaysia reported 14,345 new cases on Monday.