

## **701 Cases Of Dengue Fever With Two Deaths Recorded In Johor Last Month**

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JOHOR BAHRU, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- A total of 701 cases of dengue fever were reported in Johor with two deaths recorded for the first four weeks of this year, said State Health and Environment Committee chairman Datuk Ayub Rahmat.

He said the number increased by 15.5 percent, compared to 591 cases for the same period last year, which also recorded two fatalities.

"Two deaths were recorded last month due to dengue fever with one case each in Johor Baharu and Kota Tinggi, involving an adult and a seven-month-old infant," he told reporters after the Johor State Health Department's Apresiasi Gemilang 2014 Ceremony here, Thursday.

Ayub said a total of 6,324 cases of dengue fever were recorded throughout the state last year, compared with 4,828 cases in 2013, with 24 fatalities recorded for each year.

He said from these 6,324 cases, more than 70 cases were recorded in Johor Baharu district; with most of the cases occurring in the Tanjung Kupang residential areas and Tampoi where between five and seven epidemics within just a few weeks.

He said officers from the state health department would visit the residential areas in Tanjung Kupang next week to monitor the situation.

"Last month, a total of 35,932 premises throughout the state were inspected. Out of this, 1,814 premises were found to be Aedes mosquito breeding grounds.

"Of this number, 89 premises were issued notices under Section 8 to clean up the premises and 166 compounds totaling RM83,000 were issued," he said.

Ayub said the local authorities should play their part in preventing dengue epidemics because so far, the state government was not satisfied with the preventive actions taken by the local authorities.

He said the state government would also launch the 'Jom Bersih' programme in Muar on March 8 to raise public awareness on dengue fever.

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