

**Deaths from dengue up 90%, says health department – Bernama
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A total of 95 deaths were recorded between January and March 18 nationwide, as a result of dengue fever, says Health Department director-general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

He said the number showed an increase of 90% as compared to 50 deaths recorded in the same period last year.

Selangor recorded the highest number of deaths at 50.

In a statement today, Dr Noor Hisham said during the same period, 30,033 cases of dengue fever were reported, compared to 21,111 cases in the same period last year.

However, he said there was a downward trend in the number of cases reported since four weeks ago.

"Based on the health ministry's monitoring in the 10th week, namely, from March 8 to 14, a total of 2,275 cases of dengue fever were reported compared to 2,643 cases the previous week," he added.

Dr Noor Hisham said Selangor recorded the highest number of areas where the plague was still active at 214, followed by Perak (38), Sabah (six) and Penang (one).
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