

MCO may have to be reimposed if COVID-19 cases rise sharply – PM Muhyiddin

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 15 — Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin tonight reminded the people that the Movement Control Order (MCO) may have to be reimposed if there is a sharp increase in COVID-19 cases in the country.

He said imposing the MCO will have a negative impact on the lives of the people and the economy of the country.

“We cannot go anywhere but just stay at home as is happening in Kota Setar (district) in Kedah right now,” he said in a special address to the nation on the current COVID-19 situation in the country.

The address was carried live over several television stations and social media platforms.

Muhyiddin said the government will also not hesitate to reimpose the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) in areas with a high number of COVID-19 cases.

Thus, Muhyiddin reminded Malaysians to remain vigilant and not become complacent with regard to the rules related to quarantine and wearing of face masks and compliance with SOPs which are still in force to check the spread of COVID-19.

The prime minister gave an overview of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and said that Malaysia is not spared either.

He said the number of COVID-19 cases in Malaysia remains at one and two digits and sometimes shoots to three digits without dropping to zero, thus

portraying that COVID-19 infection in the country has yet to be totally eliminated.

“Based on the findings of researchers around the world and the reported case trends, the infection is expected to prolong for a relatively long time,” he said, adding that COVID-19 infection requires special treatment and vaccines that are effective and safe to use.

He said at the moment, anyone may be exposed to the risk of COVID-19 infection.

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