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Talking Points

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Before I begin the press conference this afternoon, I would like to express my sadness over the passing of the late Tan Sri Dr Hj Harussani Zakaria, Mufti of Perak who passed away today due to COVID-19 infection.

AL FATIHAH.

Two days ago, the government decided to implement a total lockdown nationwide after taking into account the current situation of the COVID-19 case which has reached a figure of more than 9,000 cases a day.

The implementation of a total lockdown or full closure was implemented following the sharp increase in daily COVID-19 cases recently, except the necessary essential services and economic sector.

The decision announced by the YAB Prime Minister has taken into account in all aspects, including the importance of public health and also the safety of the people who are now threatened by the spread of this dangerous virus.

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In other words, the lives of the people at this time is very important as there are more than 70,000 active cases plus the emergence of new variants that is more violent.

With the capacity of hospital wards/beds including the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) which has reached its maximum level, it is not impossible that the national health service system will be paralyzed in the near future if the total lockdown is not implemented.

At the same time, the government also deeply understands the workload faced by our health workers including members of the security forces. Our front-line workers are now increasingly tired and exhausted after more than a year of struggling to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, help our front liners save the country's health system which will be paralyzed if the increase in COVID-19 cases is not controlled.

The government, through the Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM) has opened field hospitals to help ease the burden of hospitals affected by the sudden increase in cases.

Thus, the lockdown period effective from June 1 to June 14, 2021 is expected to be able to hit the infection curve of COVID-19 cases.

This two -week period is very important, especially for the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) in an effort to curb the spread of this epidemic.

Only with cooperation and discipline, you could help save the country's health system that would be paralyzed if the increase in COVID-19 cases is not controlled.

This step is not an easy one, but it is a sacrifice that needs to be made for our common safety and well-being.

I call on all levels of Malaysians, to get together to play their respective roles to beat the curve of this epidemic. Therefore, people are advised not to leave the house if there is no need or important business.

This pandemic is not a myth or a fictional story. Take lessons from other Malaysians who have lost their loved ones as a result of being victims of COVID-19.

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The war against the COVID-19 pandemic is a war of the whole nation. Therefore, I call on all citizens regardless of religion, race and political persuasion to jointly fight COVID-19. This is our war together.

I believe with SELF CONTROL, we can AGAIN, win in this WAR AGAINST COVID-19.

List of Necessary Services Permitted to Operate

With the implementation of the MCO announced, all economic and social activities are **NOT ALLOWED** except for the 17 list of necessary services as follows:

1. Food and beverages included for animals
2. Health and medical care including dietary supplements, animal care and clinics as well as veterinary services
3. Air
4. Energy
5. Security (and safety), defense, emergency, welfare and humanitarian aid
6. Solid waste management and public cleaning and sewerage
7. Transportation by land, water or air
8. Port, shipyard and airport services and operations, including loading, unloading, cargo handling and piloting, and storage or shipping of commodities
9. Communications including media, telecommunications and internet, post and courier as well as broadcasting (for the purpose of conveying information, news and the like only)
10. Banking, insurance, takaful and capital markets
11. Community credit (mortgage and *Ar-rahnu*)
12. E-commerce and information technology
13. Production, distillation, storage, supply and distribution of fuels and lubricants
14. Hotels and accommodation (only for quarantine purposes, segregation, employment for necessary services and not tourism purposes)
15. Critical construction, maintenance and repair

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16. Forestry services (limited to enforcement) and wildlife
17. Logistics limited to delivery as an essential service

With the implementation of this PKP as well, all Manufacturing Sectors are also **NOT ALLOWED** except services by sector as follows:

Manufacturing

1. Aerospace (components and maintenance, repair and overhaul - MRO)
2. Food and beverages
3. Packaging and printing materials only related to food and health materials
4. Goods and personal care, and detergents
5. Health care and medical products including dietary supplements
6. Personal care items, personal protective equipment (PPE) including rubber gloves and fire safety equipment
7. Components for medical devices
8. Electrical and Electronics (importance of global economic chain)
9. Oil and Gas (Oil and Gas) including petrochemicals and petrochemical products
10. Machinery and equipment are only related to health and food
11. Textiles for PPE production only
12. Production, distillation, storage, supply and distribution of fuels and lubricants

The allowable working capacity is 60% of employees only.

Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, Plantation and Commodities

1. Agriculture, fisheries and livestock and their chains (eg shops selling fertilizers and pesticides/oil palm fruit processing factories are allowed to operate)

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2. Plantation and its commodities and chains (oil palm, rubber, pepper and cocoa)

Construction

1. Critical maintenance and repair works
2. Major public infrastructure construction works
3. Building construction works that provide complete employee accommodation on construction sites or workers housed in Centralized Workers Quarters (CLQ).

The allowable working capacity is optimal.

Distribution Trade

1. Shopping complexes are **CLOSED** except for premises, supermarkets, hypermarkets and departmental stores that have food and beverage sections, basic necessities, pharmacies, personal care, convenience stores, mini marts and restaurants for takeaway and home delivery .
2. Supermarkets, hypermarkets, pharmacies, personal care, convenience stores, mini marts and grocery stores as well as department stores are **opened but RESTRICTED** to the food, beverage and basic necessities section only.
3. Restaurants, stalls and food outlets
4. Laundry (including self -service)
5. Pet care and pet food stores
6. Optical goods store
7. Hardware store
8. Vehicle workshop, maintenance and spare parts
9. Ecommerce (all product categories)
10. Wholesale and distribution (all categories of necessary service products only)

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All these business sectors are allowed to operate from **8.00 am to 8.00 pm only**

The following are among the SOPs of the Movement Control Order (PKP) which will be effective from 1 to 14 June 2021 for the whole country:

- **Only two (2) household** representatives are ALLOWED to go out to get food supplies, medicine, dietary supplements and basic necessities. A maximum of **three (3) persons** only including patients are allowed out to seek health care, medical, screening, safety or emergency services within a radius **not exceeding 10 kilometers** from the residence or to the nearest place of residence if the health or medical services are not within a radius of 10 kilometers from the residence.
- The number of passengers in taxis and e-hailing is limited to **two (2) people** only including the driver and passengers are required to sit in the rear passenger seat.
- Sea and land public transport services such as employee transport, stop buses, express buses, LRT, MRT, ERL, Monorail, ferries and other public transport are **ALLOWED** to operate based on 50% vehicle capacity (operating hours and frequencies subject to the Ministry of Transport) except aircraft.
- Attendance capacity **for Civil Service personnel is limited to 20% for necessary duties** (excluding front liners, security and defense personnel) and **100% working from home (WFH) for non-essential services**. While the capacity of employee attendance for the **private sector in the service should include operations and management is limited to 60%**.
- In general, all service -related economic sectors should be able to operate from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm except;
 - o Daily market: **6.00 am to 2.00 pm**
 - o Controlled Fresh Market (PST): **7.00 am to 12.00 noon**.
 - o Permanent Farmers Market (PTK), MyFarm Outlet (MFO) and Farmers Organization Complex (PPK) : **6.00 am to 4.00 pm**.
 - o Wholesale market: **12.01 am to 6.00 am and 11.00 am to 4.00 pm**
 - o Petrol stations: **6.00 am to 8.00 pm** except petrol stations on the highway can operate for up to 24 hours
- **TASKA**, kindergartens, private kindergartens, kindergartens in a private, international and expatriate schools, as well as mind development centers for children aged 4 to 6 years are NOT ALLOWED to operate EXCEPT for front liners and parents who are both working.

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- Prayer activities are limited to a maximum of 12 mosques and *surau* committee members only. Other activities are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- Islamic wedding ceremony (solemnization) is **ALLOWED** only at the Islamic Religious Office / Department with the presence in accordance with the ruling of the State Religious Authority.
- Non -Muslim House of Worship activities are limited to a maximum of 12 Non-Muslim House of Worship Committee members only and the presence of others is **NOT ALLOWED**.
- Sports and recreational activities performed individually in open areas without physical contact **RESTRICTED to jogging and exercise** only by adhering to a physical distancing of at least 2 to 3 meters and performed in the neighbourhood subject to movement control instructions currently in force.

More information on the full SOP of MCO can be accessed on the NSC website www.mkn.gov.my and the relevant ministries.

With the implementation of this MCO, all travel permission letters for work issued by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) will be revoked from 1 June 2021. New applications for travel permission must be submitted to the relevant ministries. Senior Minister of Works (Infrastructure) Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof will chair a coordination meeting on the workers' movement permission letter tomorrow.

I also got reports on social media where private sector workers were forced by employers to work even though the Government had decided only 60 per cent were allowed to work. After this, the PDRM and the enforcement of the Ministry of Human Resources (KSM) will monitor. The most drastic action should be taken against stubborn employers. I also hope employees report immediately if their employer violates the directives issued by the government.

The purpose of the implementation of this MCO is to reduce movement. Exit only when absolutely necessary.

With the closure of the economic sector and limiting the number of workers moving from 15 million to 1.5 million only and with all parties abiding by every directive issued by the government, I am confident the case infection curve will be able to be matched.

At the same time, I also hope that the private sector will also abide by the government's directive so that we can win the war against COVID-19.

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EMCO Kampung Tanjung Kapor, Kudat, Sabah

- The Ministry of Health (MOH) today reported an increase in COVID-19 cases in Kampung Tanjung Kapor, Kudat, Sabah.
- To date, a total of 10 cases have been recorded by the MOH after undergoing screening tests on 24 residents in the locality.
- After conducting a risk assessment with various agencies in the PKP Technical Committee and on the advice of the MOH, the Government agreed to implement EMCO in Kampung Tanjung Kapor, Kudat, Sabah effective 1 June until 14 June 2021.
- The implementation of EMCO aims to restrict the movement and transmission of COVID-19 infection from risk areas outside the locality.

EMCO Kampung Assam, Lahad Datu, Sabah

- The Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) today reported the latest situation following the increase in COVID-19 cases in Kampung Assam, Lahad Datu, Sabah.
- Within a week, 10 positive cases were recorded as a result of 13 screening tests conducted by the MOH.
- After conducting a risk assessment with various agencies in the PKP Technical Committee and on the advice of the MOH, the Government agreed to implement the EMCO in Kampung Assam, Lahad Datu, Sabah effective 1 June until 14 June 2021.
- The implementation of EMCO aims to restrict the movement and transmission of COVID-19 infection from risk areas outside the locality.

EMCO Taman Pelangi, Semporna, Sabah

- The Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) today reported the current situation of the COVID-19 case in Taman Pelangi, Semporna, Sabah.
- To date, eight (8) positive COVID-19 cases have been detected after the MOH conducted 28 screening tests on residents in the locality.

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- After conducting a risk assessment with various agencies in the PKP Technical Committee and on the advice of the MOH, the Government agreed to implement the EMCO in Taman Pelangi, Semporna, Sabah effective 1 June until 14 June 2021.
- The implementation of EMCO aims to restrict the movement and transmission of COVID-19 infection from risk areas outside the locality.

Extension of EMCO Bandar Darulaman, Jitra, Kedah

- The previous government had implemented the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) in Bandar Darulaman, Jitra, Kedah which is scheduled to end on 31 May 2021.
- During that period, the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) conducted 1,085 screening tests and 159 of them tested positive for COVID-19.
- The MOH confirmed the increasing number of cases and the extremely high infectiousness in this locality.
- After conducting a risk assessment with various agencies in the MCO Technical Committee and on the advice of the MOH, the Government agreed to extend the EMCO Bandar Darulaman, Jitra, Kedah from 1 June to 14 June 2021.

EMCO on 2 villages in Kota Belud, Sabah

- The Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) today reported the current situation of the COVID-19 case in two (2) villages in Kota Belud, Sabah, namely:
 - Kampung Payas-Payas
 - Kampung Rampayan Laut
- There was a very significant increase within 10 days when 9 cases were detected in Kg. Payas-payas and 11 cases were detected in Kg. Rampayan Laut. There is a high risk of contagion in both villages due to the dense population.
- After conducting a risk assessment with various agencies in the MCO Technical Committee and on the advice of the MOH, the Government agreed to implement the Order

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Enhanced Movement Control (EMCO) in two localities as stated effective June 1 to June 14 2021.

- Implementation of EMCO to restrict movement of population as well as curbing the spread of COVID-19 to outside of the area.

Extension of EMCO Lubuk Kawah, Jitra, Kedah

- The Government had previously implemented the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) at Lubuk Kawah, Jitra, Kedah which is scheduled to end on 31 May 2021.
- During this period, the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) has conducted 632 screening tests and 48 of which were confirmed positive for COVID-19.
- MOH confirmed the number of cases is increasing and extremely high infectiousness rate in this locality.
- Having made a risk assessment jointly with multiple agencies in the MCO Technical Committee and upon advice of MOH, the Government agreed to extend EMCO - Lubuk Kawah, Jitra, Kedah from 1 June to 14 June 2021.

Ending of EMCO - 16 localities at Sungai Ruan and 7 localities at Sempalit, Raub, Pahang

- The Government has previously implemented the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) at 16 localities of Ruan River and 7 localities of Sempalit, Raub, Pahang which are scheduled to expire on June 4, 2021.
- During this period, the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) has conducted 894 screening tests at Sungai Ruan and 65 of them were confirmed positive for COVID-19 while from 824 screening tests performed at Sempalit, 47 were found to be COVID-19 positive.
- MOH found a decrease in cases and no cases are newly recorded in Sungai Ruan and Sempalit since 21 May 2021.
- Having made a risk assessment jointly with multiple agencies in the PKP Technical Committee and on advice of MOH, Government agreed to end EMCO at 16 localities of Sungai Ruan and 7 localities of Sempalit, Raub, Pahang on May 31, 2021, earlier than scheduled.

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Compliance Operations Task Force

- Yesterday, the Compliance Operations Task Force led by PDRM had conducted **69,542 inspections** for monitoring and enforcement of compliance with MCO SOPs.
- **A total of 749 individuals were arrested** for breach of SOP. Of that number, a total of **729 individuals were compounded** while **18 others were remanded** and **two (2) bailed**.

Among the offenses recorded:

- o Did not wear a face mask **(180)**
- o No physical distancing **(138)**
- o Failed to record personal details/check -in at premises **(120)**
- o Carry excess passengers **(55)**
- o Other offenses **(256)**

National Border Control

- Yesterday, Operation BENTENG (Op BENTENG) **seized three (3) land vehicles**.
- A total of **158 boats/ships** were also detected in the country waters through Nine (9) observation activities.
- Op BENTENG involving the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM), Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM), Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (APMM) and Malaysian Border Security Agency (AKSEM) with other security agencies also carried out **603 Road Blocks (SJR)** yesterday, namely:
 - o Op PENAWAR (ATM, PDRM and RELA) - **549 SJR**
 - o Op BENTENG PDRM - **45 SJR**
 - o Op BENTENG AKSEM - **9 SJR**

Public Sanitation Operations

- Last night, a total of **215 sanitation operations** were performed covering **77 red zones, five (5) orange zones, three (3) yellow zones and one (1) green zone** nationwide.

- This sanitation operation involved **1,241 members of the Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department (JBPM)** and **190 Local Authority Parties (PBT)** and **217 JBPM machinery**.
- A total of **25,467** sanitation operations comprising 156 zones has been conducted since **March 30, 2020**. Sanitation operations involved business centers, residential areas including People's Housing Project (PPR), public places, supermarkets and government buildings.

Mandatory Quarantine

- Cumulatively, since 24 July 2020, a total of **214,126 individuals** have returned home and all were housed in **77 hotels** and **11 Public Training Institutes (ILA)** as well as Institutes of Private Studies nationwide.
- Of that number, a total of **8,323 individuals have been quarantined** and **203,567 people were allowed to return** while another **2,236** were taken to hospitals.
- Yesterday, a total of **786 individuals arrived at all international entry doors** and were quarantined at **quarantine stations** across the country.

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