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**Unofficial Translation**  
**Press Release from Senior Minister of Defense**  
**Regarding the Implementation of Movement Control Order (MCO) and**  
**Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

I will start the press conference today by informing the government's decision regarding the implementation status of MCO 2.0.

As we all know MCO 2.0 that started on January 13, 2021 is scheduled to end this Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Today the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) has presented to the NSC Special Session on assessment risks as well as the movement of COVID-19 current cases nationwide.

In general, the MOH informed that the case in most states have begun to show a **downward trend** starting from the 5th week of 2021 after two weeks implementation of MCO 2.0.

MOH also confirmed that the **trend of import cases (cross-state) also declined starting from February 3, 2021.**

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However, cases remain high in some states especially in the state of **Selangor, FT Kuala Lumpur, Johor and Penang.**

After making a risk assessment as well as a discussion with various agencies in the NSC Technical Committee, the Special Session today agreed **to change the status of the Movement Control Order (MCO) to Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) in Kedah, Perak, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka, Pahang, Terengganu, Kelantan, FT Putrajaya, FT Labuan as well Sabah and the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) at Perlis from 19 February until 4 March 2021.**

However, for the **state of Selangor, FT Kuala Lumpur, Johor and Penang, the Special Session agreed to maintain the current status as well as to extend the Movement Control Orders (MCO) until 4 March 2021.**

Meanwhile in Sarawak, the state government has already **announced the extension of CMCO throughout Sarawak starting from 15 February until March 1, 2021.**

From the CMCO SOP point of view, activities which are allowed or not allowed before remained the same for this CMCO.

Among the activities allowed in CMCO are as follows:

- Wedding Ceremony, Engagement Ceremony, Feast, *akikah* ceremony, holy ceremony (*doa selamat*), *tahlil*, birthday celebration, birthday parties, reunions and other social events are allowed with an attendance limitation of 50 per cent of the place capacity.
- Economic sector operations extended from 6.00 am until 12.00 midnight.

- Face-to-face meetings / MICE / Workshops / seminars are allowed with a limitation of 50 percent of the premise's capacity.
- Dine-in at the eateries is allowed according to the size of the table with a social distancing of 1 meter.
- Passenger capacity is accordance to the number of seats in the vehicle.
- SPA and Reflexology Center are also allowed.

Detailed CMCO SOP can be referenced on the NSC website.

The Special Session today agreed that the **rule of movement within 10 kilometers radius is CANCELED effective today**. Hence, movement within the same district is allowed.

However, cross-district and cross-states throughout the country are still NOT ALLOWED, except cross-district for the state of Perlis is ALLOWED.

### **Termination of EMCO Bentong Prison Complex and Staff Quarters, Bentong, Pahang**

- The government has previously implemented the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) at Bentong Prison Complex and Staff Quarters, Bentong, Pahang that is scheduled to end on February 22, 2021.
- MOH has conducted **2,497 screening tests** and a cumulative of **760 positive cases of COVID-19 has been reported** out of the total tests.

- However, MOH confirmed that the remaining cases in this locality shows a **downward and controlled trend**.
- After conducting risk assessments with various agencies within the MCO Technical Committee, the Government agreed to **end EMCO at Bentong Prison Complex and Staff Quarters, Bentong, Pahang on 17 February 2021** earlier than scheduled.

### **Termination of EMCO Felda Lasah and Kg. Besi Api, Kuala Kangsar, Perak**

- The government has previously implemented the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) in Felda Lasah and Kg. Iron, Kuala Kangsar, Perak which is scheduled to end on February 17 2021.
- MOH has completed **271 screening tests** and **7 positive COVID-19 cases have been reported** out of the total tests.
- However, MOH confirmed the remaining cases in this locality shows a **downward and controlled trend**.
- After conducting risk assessments with various agencies within the MCO Technical Committee, the Government agreed to end EMCO in Felda Lasah and Kg. Besi Api, Kuala Kangsar, Perak on 17 February 2021 as scheduled.

### **Termination of EMCO Felda Tersat Kuala Berang, Hulu Terengganu, Terengganu**

- The Government has also previously implemented the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) in Felda Tersat Kuala Berang, Hulu Terengganu, Terengganu which is scheduled to end on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- To date, MOH has conducted **604 screening tests** and **21 positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported** out of the total tests in this locality.
- However, MOH confirmed that **there is no remaining screening sample waiting for a result** and 5 last positive cases were reported on February 9, 2021.
- After conducting risk assessments with various agencies within MCO Technical Committee, the Government **agreed to end EMCO at Felda Tersat Kuala Berang, Hulu Terengganu, Terengganu on 17 February 2021** as scheduled.

### **Termination of EMCO TNB Kuala Berang Construction Site Quarters, Hulu Terengganu, Terengganu**

- The government has previously implemented the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) at TNB Construction Site Quarters Kuala Berang, Hulu Terengganu, Terengganu which is scheduled to end on February 17, 2021.
- To date, MOH has implemented **121 screening tests** and a cumulative of **16 positive cases COVID-19 has been recorded** out of the total tests.

- MOH confirmed all positive cases have been admitted to PKRC for treatments and no new cases have been reported in this locality.
- After conducting risk assessments with various agencies within the MCO Technical Committee, the Government agreed to end EMCO at TNB Kuala Berang Construction Site Quarters, Hulu Terengganu, Terengganu on 17 February 2021 as scheduled.

### **EMCO in Kampung Sungai Maong, Kuching Division, Sarawak**

- MOH reported today that the situation of COVID-19 case in Kampung Sungai Maong, Kuching Division, Sarawak.
- MOH confirmed a significant increase in the number of cases within the period of 12 to 15 February 2021 which **13 COVID-19 positive cases have been recorded** involving this locality.
- After conducting risk assessments with various agencies in the MCO Technical Committee, the Government **agreed to implement the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) in Kampung Sungai Maong, Kuching Division, Sarawak starting February 17, 2021 until March 2, 2021.**
- The implementation of EMCO is to facilitate MOH to implement targeted screening for approximately **700 residents** and to ensure that there is no infection in the community.

## Compliance Operations Task Force

- Yesterday, a total of **3,422** Task Force teams from the Royal Malaysian Police Compliance Operations Task Force (PDRM) that consist of **15,557 members** had conducted **65,436 inspections** to monitor and enforce SOP compliance throughout country.
- A total of **6,031 restaurants, 3,967 supermarkets, 3,902 banks, 3,239 places of worship, 2,204 hawkers, 1,571 factories, 2,664 public/agricultural markets, 1,461 leisure places and 815 government offices** were inspected.
- Yesterday, PDRM also arrested **596 individuals** due to violating SOP instructions.
- From the total, **532 were compounded** while **64 individuals remanded**.
- Among the SOP default offenses include:
  - **No social distancing (155)**
  - **Cross-country / county without permission (134)**
  - **Did not wear face mask (121)**
  - **Failed to provide equipment / record personal / customer details (83)**
  - **Premises operating overtime / without permission (17)**
  - **Other (86)**

## National Border Control

- Operation Benteng involve;
  - Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM),
  - Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM),
  - Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (APMM),
  - Malaysian Immigration Department (JIM),
  - Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM),
  - Malaysian Border Control Agency (AKSEM)
- Yesterday, Op BENTENG managed to **detain 11 illegal immigrants** who tried to enter national borders and **detained one (1) PATI, two (2) smugglers and seized 2 land vehicles** in an operation held nationwide.
- During the operation, **111 boats / ships were also detected** in country's waters through **five (5) vision activities**.
- A total of **537 Roadblocks** (SJR) BENTENG Operations are also implemented throughout the country involving the following fractions:
  - **Op BENTENG / PENAWAR (PDRM, ATM and RELA) - 482 SJR**
  - **Op BENTENG PDRM – 46 SJR**
  - **Op BENTENG AKSEM – 9 SJR**



## COVID-19 Public Sanitation Operations

- Yesterday, a total of **89 sanitation operations** were carried out nationwide which included **35 Red Zones, seven (7) Orange Zones, nine (9) Yellow Zones and one (1) Green Zone.**
- Ops Public Sanitation under the regulation of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT) since 30 March 2020 has carried out **16,382 sanitation operations** covering **146 zones** namely red zone (93), orange zone (23), yellow zone (21) and green zone (9).
- The operation involved **431 members of the Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia (JBPM), 198 Local Authorities (PBT) and 33 other agencies as well as 77 JBPM machinery.**

## Construction site

- Yesterday, members of the **Malaysian Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB)** enforcement officers inspected **48 construction sites** throughout Malaysia and found **42 construction sites** were operating while the other **six (6)** were not operating.
- The result of the inspection found that **all 42 construction sites** complied with the prescribed SOPs.
- In total, CIDB has conducted **15,393 inspections involving 8,699 construction sites since April 20 2020.**

## Compulsory Screening of Foreign Workers

- Yesterday, a total of **8,983** foreigners underwent the COVID-19 screening test and out of that number, **37 were found to be positive for COVID-19.**
- Cumulatively, the Ministry of Human Resources (KSM) informed that a total of **387,040** foreign workers have undergone the COVID-19 screening test involving **17,731** employers.
- Of these, **7,365** were confirmed **positive for COVID-19** while another **379,675** were **negative.**
- To date, a total of **1,403 clinics** have been involved with this screening program.
- As announced, the COVID-19 screening test is **mandatory for all foreign workers from 1 February 2021** and the cost will be borne by respective employers.

## Basic Goods

- Monitoring and inspection by Ministry of Domestic Trade and Affairs Consumers (KPDNHEP) Enforcement officers at the retailer and wholesaler level found that the food supply was stable and sufficient.
- Yesterday, KPDNHEP conducted **804 daily monitoring of 11 types of supply of goods** including retailers (**612**), wholesalers (**160**) and manufacturers (**32**).

- KPDNHEP Enforcement Officer also conducted **2,981 special MCO SOP Compliance inspections.**
- Of the total, **2,979 premises complied with the prescribed SOP, eight (8) premises were advised, one (1) were warned while one (1) were compounded.**

### **Fake News**

- As of February 15, 2021, a total of **283 investigation papers** have been opened by PDRM and the Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) regarding false news related to COVID-19.
- Of these, **109 cases are still under investigation, 51 cases have been prosecuted in court, 12 cases have been given warning notices.**
- For cases that have been prosecuted in court, so far **30 have been found guilty** while another **20 are in the process of trial.**
- The Quick Response Team (PRP) under KKMM has also issued a total of 427 denials and explanations on false news related to COVID-19.
- If there is any news in case of authenticity is in doubt, you can check or report the information to PRP at 03-8911 5103 or visit [WWW.SEBENARNYA.MY](http://WWW.SEBENARNYA.MY)

## **Closing**

Although the government has announced the implementation of CMCO in several states as well as RMCO in Perlis, the most important thing is compliance with the SOP.

In this context, SOP compliance is not just due to fear the actions by the authorities alone, but it is to be done out of self-awareness in order to maintain personal health as well as the health of the respective families.

We do not want new cases continue to increase when CMCO or RMCO is being implemented as we need to equally flatten the curve as well as reducing health stress.

Breaking the COVID-19 chain is very important and please avoid leaving the house if there is no necessity.

Continue to comply with the SOP and practice self-control as well new norms for the safety of yourself, family and the society.

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