



## MEDIA STATEMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE COVID-19 INFECTION IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

14 Ramadhan 1441 / 08 Mei 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that today, Friday, 14 Ramadhan 1441 / 08 May 2020, **there is no new cases of COVID-19 infection in the country. Therefore, the total number of COVID-19 cases in Brunei Darussalam remains at 141 cases.**
2. The Ministry of Health is still conducting further investigations to identify the source of the infection and to identify the contacts for Cases 139, 140 and 141. So far 114 contacts of the cases have undergone SARS-COV-2 testing, of which 103 have tested negative. As stated at the press conference yesterday, investigation of the case showed that all three cases were infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus in March 2020 and at present the patients do not have any signs of infection.

3. Meanwhile, **one case** has recovered from COVID-19 today, therefore **the total number of cases recovered remains at 132 individuals**. This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to **8 cases**, where 2 are still in critical condition. However, only one of them still require heart / lung machine (ECMO) as well as respiratory assistance, and one case only requires respiratory assistance. Meanwhile, the rest are in a stable condition.
4. At this time, **131 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,575 individuals** have completed their quarantine.
5. In the past 24 hours, a total of 362 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to 15,300 tests.
6. Furthermore, the Ministry of Health has been informed of several incidents of discrimination and fake news involving COVID-19 patients, whether they have recovered or newly infected, or discrimination in relation to their workplace. On this occasion, the Ministry of Health would like to remind the public not to discriminate against any patients or former patients and anyone associated with

them, including where they work. These incidents should not have happened and instead, people should pray for their well-being and to be recovered of the COVID-19 disease.

7. Meanwhile, the public is also advised not to be fooled and believe in information and news being disseminated over the Internet or through other media such as Whatsapp, Twitter and Facebook without ascertaining its authenticity. The public is also reminded to be more responsible and do not disseminate anything that is not approved by the Ministry of Health. The act of distributing inaccurate information, let alone falsely and deliberately by those who intend to mislead is an offence and may be prosecuted under the Public Order Act (Chapter 148), Section 34, whether orally or in writing or by any other means, disseminates false reports or makes false statements, resulting in disruptive public order is punishable by up to three-year imprisonment and fined up to BND3,000.
8. For further information and latest updates, members of the public can visit the official website of the Ministry of Health at **[www.moh.gov.bn](http://www.moh.gov.bn)** or by contacting the **Health Advice Line 148** or through the web application **[healthinfo.gov.bn](http://healthinfo.gov.bn)**

**Ramadhan Mubarak. May we all be blessed during this glorious month of Ramadhan and all our deeds are accepted and for all the patients treated in the National Isolation Centre will be granted full recovery by Allah Subhanahu WaTa'Ala. Aamiin Ya Rabbal Alamiin**

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