



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

18 April 2020

1. The Ministry of Health would like to announce that today, Saturday, 24 Syaaban 1441 / 18 April 2020, there is **1 new case** of COVID-19 infection in the country. This brings the **total number of COVID-19 cases in the country to 137 cases.**
 - **Case 137**, aged 31 years old is the wife of Case 109 and is related to the cluster Case 73. She does not have any travel history and does not have any signs of infection.
2. Meanwhile, **1 case have recovered** from COVID-19 today, bringing the **total number of cases recovered to 113 individuals.** This brings the number of active cases still being treated at the National Isolation Center to 23 cases, where 2 are still in critical condition and both require heart / lung machine (ECMO) and respiratory assistance. Meanwhile, the rest are in a stable condition.
3. At this time, **85 individuals** are currently undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and a total of **2,407 individuals** have completed their quarantine.

4. In the past 24 hours, a total of 165 samples have been tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, that brings the total number of laboratory tests conducted since January 2020 to **11,254 tests**.

5. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health would like to inform that 5 more individuals that has recovered have been re-admitted to the National Isolation Center after they tested positive during the follow-up examination. This brings the total number of re-admitted cases to 16 individuals. Of these, 4 individuals are allowed to return home while 12 individuals are undergoing further examination and testing.

6. Today's new case proves that our country is still under the threat of the COVID-19 outbreak and that we need to remain vigilant and not to be complacent and always obey the directives and advices issued by the Government. As such, the Ministry of Health once again wants to remind the public to continue to carry out their social responsibilities and cultivate preventive measures. Particularly to always practice physical distancing by avoiding large crowds when visiting retail stores or markets as previously advised. This is in addition to adhering to the restriction of mass gathering and practicing personal hygiene, as well as ensuring clean environment at all times. The public is also reminded to dispose of disposable facemask that has been used properly in the garbage bin and not to be disposed irresponsibly. This is to prevent the spread of infection and to maintain cleanliness.

7. 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** or by contacting the **Health Advice Line 148** or through the web application healthinfo.gov.bn

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