



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

**2 April 2020**

1. As of today, Thursday, 08 Syaaban 1441 / 02 April 2020, the Ministry of Health would like to inform the public of **2 new cases** of COVID-19 infection in the country, bringing the **total number of cases in Brunei Darussalam to 133 people.**

- Case 132, aged 40 years old is the wife of Case 103. She does not have any travel history and has initially went for the laboratory COVID-19 test on 24 March 2020 which tested negative. However, she started developing symptoms (sore throat and flu) on 30 March 2020.
- Case 133, a local man aged 38 years old returned from United Kingdom via Singapore on-board Royal Brunei BI424 (seated at 22A) on 1 April 2020. He developed symptoms (fever and cough) on 16 March 2020 when he was still in United Kingdom but did not have any symptoms on the flight back to Brunei Darussalam.

2. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that Alhamdulillah, by the grace of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, today, **4 more cases** treated at the National Isolation Center have recovered and allowed to return home,

bringing **total number of people recovered so far are 56 people**. This means that there are 76 cases that are still being treated at the National Isolation Center. Of these, 3 cases are still in critical condition and require respiratory assistance in the Intensive Care Unit at the National Isolation Center, where one of them still requires heart / lung machine (ECMO) assistance. Meanwhile, the rest are in stable condition.

3. The Ministry of Health would also like to share that at this time, a total of 451 individuals are undergoing quarantine in accordance to the Infectious Disease Act (Chapter 204). Meanwhile, 1,858 individuals have completed their quarantine and are in stable condition. Since early January 2020, a total of 7,055 laboratory tests for COVID-19 have been conducted, leading to a ratio of 1 in 61 residents of the country has been tested for COVID-19.
4. The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that the investigation of Case 121 has been linked to several cases from the tabligh congregation that have been tested positive with COVID-19 in Brunei Darussalam, where several of them met with Case 121 on 8 March 2020. Case 121 started developing symptoms on 17 March 2020.
5. At this opportunity, the Ministry of Health would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation, especially to LSL Sdn Bhd for the contribution to the cost of construction of the extension building of the Molecular Diagnostic Unit for Respiratory Viruses, National Virology Reference Laboratory, located on Jalan Sumbiling, Bandar Seri Begawan. In addition, the Ministry of Health

would also like to thank the other contractor partners including Trane Aire Sdn Bhd, Daya Engineering Sdn Bhd, Amberhigh Sdn Bhd, Beaver Engineering Sdn Bhd, Kha Arkitek, Swee Sdn Bhd, Petar Perunding Sdn Bhd, Supinda Electronic & Trading Company, Razaco Transport Services and Gaya Reka Sdn Bhd who also contributed to the cost of the construction of the additional building. The total cost of the construction was BND569,348.00.

6. The Ministry of Health would like to once again thank the companies, associations, private agencies and the public for their generous donations to the COVID-19 Relief Fund, which has so far amounted to BND3,249,221.97 .
  
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 (operating 24-hours)** or through the web application **healthinfo.gov.bn**

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