

# Special Announces for Restricted Movement Order

## from Prime Minister of Malaysia

Assalamualaikum and Salam Sejahtera to all Malaysia,

Tonight, once again I'm standing in front of Malaysian to deliver news about the current situation, pandemic COVID-19 that triggered public worries, not only in Malaysia but in the whole world.

Till now, COVID-19 has to spread to 135 countries. 162,711 peoples have been tested positive in all around the world. From the infected amount, 6,433 has died.

In Malaysia, there are staggering cases COVID-19 with yesterday 190 cases have been tested positive following 125 new cases today raising the tally of infections in the country to 553 people. From the amount, 511 cases are treated in hospital and 42 cases have recovered.

The government takes a serious look at the situation during this dangerous virus threat, especially the development of the second wave. The government's priority at this moment is to prevent the spread of the outbreak from infecting more people. In this situation, the drastic measure needs to be taken to recover the situation as soon as possible.

Therefore, drastic action needs to be taken. The government has decided to implement 'restriction of movement order' under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 and the Police Act 1967 starting from March 18 to March 31. This Restriction Movement Order is included:

First, the general prohibition of mass movements and gatherings across the country including religious, sports, social and cultural activities. To enforce this prohibition, all houses of worship and business premises should be closed, **except** for supermarkets, public markets, grocery stores and convenience stores selling everyday necessities. Specifically, for Muslims, the adjournment of all religious activities in mosques including Friday prayers is in line with the decision of the Special Mental Health Committee meeting on March 15, 2020.

Second, Malaysians will be barred from leaving the country. Malaysians who have returned from overseas have to go for a health check-up and undergo self-quarantine for 14 days.

Third, the restrictions placed on the entry of all tourists and foreign visitors into Malaysia.

Fourth, all nurseries, government and private schools, including boarding schools, international schools, tahfiz centres as well as primary, secondary and pre-university education institutions will be closed.

Fifth, all public and private universities, as well as vocational training centres, will be closed; and

Sixth, the government and private premises would be closed except those providing essential services which are water, electricity, energy, telecommunications, post, transportation, water services, oil, gas, fuel, broadcasting, financial, banking, health, pharmacy, the Fire and Rescue Department, prisons, ports, airports, security, defence, cleaning, retail and food supplies.

I understand that you may feel that this action that has been taken by the government will result in inconvenience and problems in your daily lives. However, the government must take this action to curb the spread of the COVID-19 that could potentially take the lives of the people in this country.

We have seen a sudden increase in COVID-19 cases from a few hundred to a few thousand in a short period in other countries. I am sure, you do not want the same thing to happen in our country.

We cannot wait any longer until the situation becomes dire. Such drastic action should be taken immediately to prevent the spread of the disease by limiting the movement of the public. This is the only way we can prevent more people from being infected by the outbreaks that can destroy lives.

I hope all Malaysians will be able to endure this challenge. Don't panic, don't worry, and stay calm. I believe with the measures of movement restrictions implemented by the government, we will be able to block the spread of this outbreak in the near future.

We have seen other countries have taken drastic measure to control the transmission of the virus, as an example in China, which has seen decreasing amount of infected people with COVID-19.

I ensure that the supply of food and daily essentials, including face masks, were sufficient nationwide. I have ordered the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry to monitor the supply of food and daily essential in all markets during the period of Restriction Order Movement.

I urge to all Malaysian to always obey this Order of Control. It is our collective responsibility that we must carry out as citizens who care about our families, our communities and our country.

I also want to inform the Special Meeting National Security Council will be held every day to monitor and control the situation of COVID-19. I will chair the meeting personally and inform to all Malaysian the relative situation of COVID-19 from time to time.

If Malaysian have any enquiries on the movement control order can be directed to the National Operations Management Centre at hotline 03-8888 2010 beginning noon on Tuesday (May 17).

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all health workers, civil servants and all those who have been working tirelessly day and night to contain the outbreak.

I pray that all Malaysian will continue to be strong and steadfast to carry out the task for the country to ensure the safety and the well-being of the people in this country protected.

Finally, I pray that Malaysian are always in protection by Allah S.W.T.

Wabillahitaufik wal hidayah, wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

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