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End of an ordeal: Nadma staff escorting some of the Wuhan returnees out of the Higher Education Leadership Academy campus near Nilai. – Bernama

Efforts under way to bring second group of stranded Malaysians home

PUTRAJAYA: With the first batch of Wuhan returnees now cleared to go home, the focus is now on evacuating a second group of Malaysians and their family members who are still stranded in China's central Hubei province.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad said the National Anti-Disaster Management Agency (Nadma) was working with the Foreign Ministry to arrange the next evacuation flight.

"This is being managed by Nadma and we will wait for instructions from the Foreign Ministry on the next flight from Wuhan.

"We will make the announcement once this is finalised," he told a press conference here.

Malaysia evacuated 107 Malaysians and their family members from Wuhan, the capital of Hubei

and epicentre of the Covid-19 epidemic, on Feb 4 on a special flight arranged by Nadma.

The agency later said 34 Malaysians were not evacuated due to logistical problems and difficulty looking for transport to Wuhan Tianhe International Airport on that day.

Yesterday, Dzulkefly announced that all of the 107 Wuhan returnees were cleared of the virus after being quarantined for 14 days and repeated tests conducted on them proved negative.

They were released starting at 2pm yesterday.

"One individual remains warded for an unrelated health issue," said the minister.

The group had been kept and monitored by health officials at the Higher Education Leadership



Academy campus near Nilai, Negri Sembilan.

This included the Malaysian father and son who tested positive for Covid-19 and had been treated in isolation at Tuanku Jaafar Hospital in Seremban.

"The father and son were given repeated tests and the tests returned negative twice.

"The Health Ministry would like to congratulate all the agencies involved in making this evacuation

mission a success," said Dzulkefly.

Meanwhile, with regard to the two Malaysians on board *Diamond Princess* – the cruise ship quarantined off Yokohama – who tested positive for Covid-19, Dzulkefly said they would be looked after by Japanese health officials.

"There were four Malaysians on the cruise ship; two tested positive for Covid-19.

"As the ship docked in Japan, it will be under Japan's jurisdiction and it is standard protocol that they remain quarantined until they have fully recovered from the disease," he added.

Later yesterday, the ministry said the seventh and eighth positive cases of Covid-19 – a married couple from China treated at Permai Hospital in Johor Baru – had fully recovered after two consecutive

repeat tests came back negative.

"Both patients were allowed to return home this afternoon. As a result, all Covid-19 positive cases treated at the hospital have fully recovered and have been discharged," it said in a statement.

Following the discharge of the Malaysian father and son as well as the latest two China nationals, 13 confirmed Covid-19 patients have recovered and allowed to go home.

With no new positive cases, the tally remains at 22 cases, with nine patients still under treatment.

Of the 22 cases, 15 are China nationals, six are Malaysians and one a US citizen.

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Clogged drains causing flash floods in Jinjang Selatan

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JINJANG Selatan residents in Kuala Lumpur want their drainage upgraded as the current water dispersal system at the area failed to channel out rainwater effectively, resulting in flash floods.

The problem has been plaguing the residents for more than 15 years and residents can only helplessly watch water levels rise and enter their homes.

"I am always on standby whenever it rains heavily as water would flow into the house.

"My mattress was drenched once and after that, I had to move the furniture to higher ground," said Ng Fatt Thai, a 52-year-old resident who has been living along Jalan Jambu Arang 2 since he was born.

"The furniture was damaged and it caused much inconvenience to my elderly parents," he added.

Federal Territories Residents Representative Council (MPPWP) Zone 3 chairman Michael Koid said Kuala Lumpur City Hall should act swiftly as the clogged drains failed to channel rainwater out of the area.

"Several houses here are affected and every time it rains, we have to come out of the house to monitor the situation," he said.

Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng, who visited the area at the junction of Jalan Jambu Arang 2 and Jalan Jambu Air Laut with representatives from DBKL and Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Corporation (SWCorp), said the drains had not been upgraded for the past two decades.

"This is the main junction of Jinjang Selatan as there are many residential units, coffeeshops and commercial activities here.

"We have been complaining to SWCorp and DBKL since 2015 but no substantial action has been taken to upgrade or revamp the drainage," he said at the press conference at the site.

At the site, the drains were found clogged with sediment, and stagnant water was spotted in the drain.

"I want DBKL to look into it seriously and redesign the drain-



age," Lim added.

A representative from SWCorp who was present, said the structure of the drain was damaged by the tree roots.

"It hampered the effective flow of the water.

"Sometimes the rubbish gets caught in the tree roots making the drain more narrow," he said, adding that the drains were cleaned once a month.



Clogged drains along Jalan Jambu Arang 2 and Jalan Jambu Air Laut are said to be not channelling out rainwater effectively.