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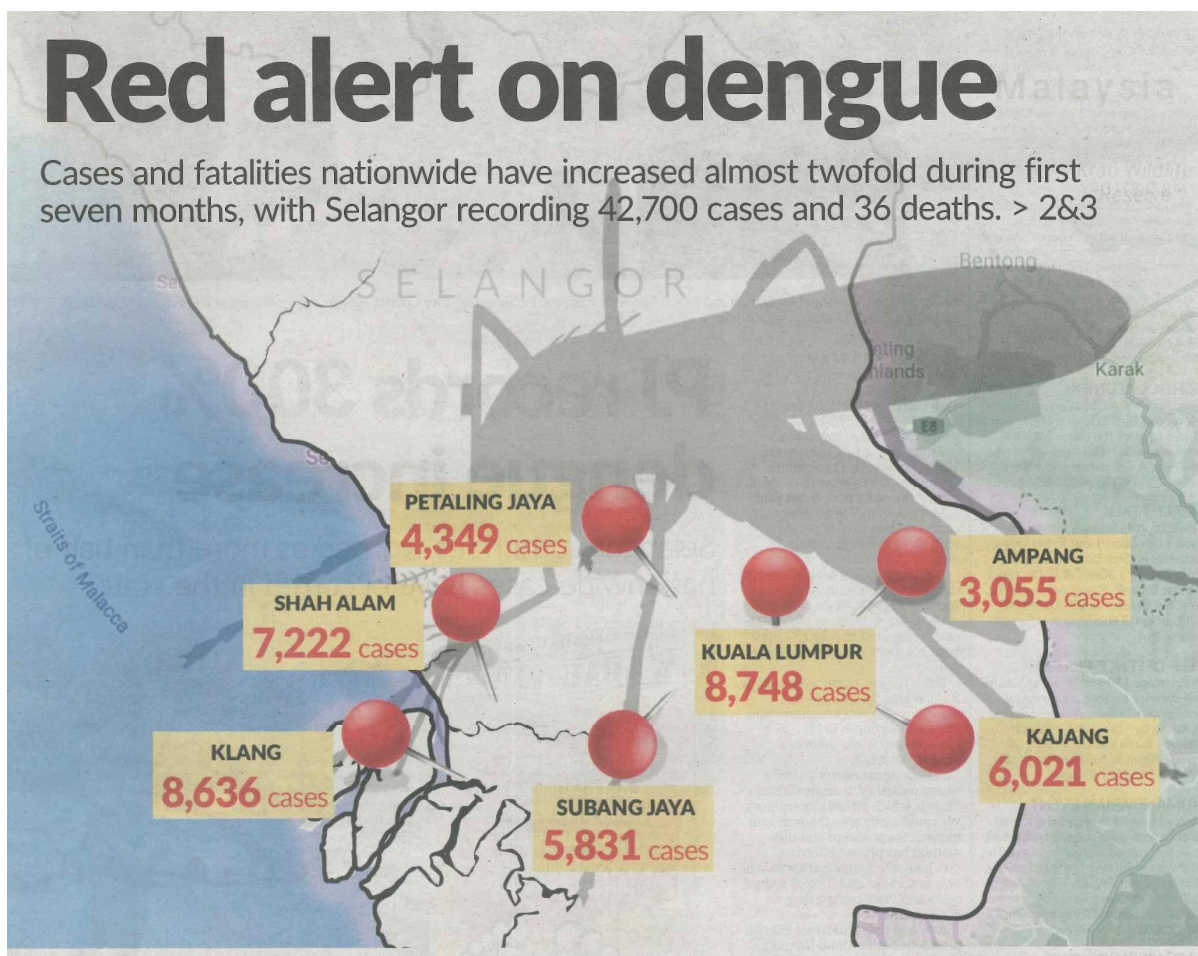
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Khalvin Alfred, Hamdan Mat Dahari and Fadzli Azmudin from the Petaling Jaya City Council Health and Environmental Services Department showing a close-up of a mosquito trap. — Photos: Filepic

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THE increase in dengue cases nationwide in the first half of the year is at an alarming number. At the end of July, there were 75,913 cases with 111 fatalities against 40,320 cases with 66 deaths during the same period last year. More than half of all dengue cases was recorded in Selangor with 42,700 cases including 36 deaths.

Petaling Jaya has seen a significant spike with an almost 300% increase in cases. Up to Week 29, there were 4,349 cases compared to only 1,572 last year. No deaths were recorded this year.

Bukit Gasing assemblyman Rajiv Rajyakhari said he has five mosquito magnets which he loans to neighbourhoods in his constituency when there is a dengue outbreak.

"This magnet functions like a vacuum cleaner. It emits carbon dioxide which attracts mosquitoes. We could easily trap thousands of mosquitoes at one go and this method has proven effective."

"I loan it to neighbourhoods with new outbreaks and it helps reduce cases and from being a dengue hotspot area."

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council president Ibrahim Abdul Hamid Hussain said 3,025 cases were reported as of July 25 with four deaths.

The weather, he said, was one of the factors contributing to the rise in dengue cases.

"We also found out that there is a new breed of mosquitoes that are more resistant to the chemicals used in fogging."

Kajang Municipal Council (MPK) recorded 6,021 cases with eight deaths at Week 29.

"The Hulu Langat district ranks third highest in Selangor, with 8,220 accumulated cases involving 12 deaths as of Week 29," said MPK president Datuk Rudi Othman.

This marks a 236.4% increase compared to the same period last year with 3,477 cases.

Following its listing in the Malaysia Book of Records for its kindergarten syllabus on dengue

PJ records 300% dengue increase

Selangor authorities worried as more than half of nationwide cases have occurred in the state



Banners at dengue outbreak areas are a common sight in many parts of the Klang Valley.

prevention, the Sepang Municipal Council (MPSepang) will introduce a similar programme for primary school pupils.

Launched in 2017, MPSepang Health and Environment Department director Rozaini Hamdan said the Taska Free Aedes syllabus has reached 128 kindergartens.

Selangor District Health Office vice-unit head Dr Firman

Mohamed said as of Week 29, the district recorded 1,602 cases.

Those aged between 30 and 39 are the most to be infected with dengue from January to July 27 this year in Klang.

Klang Municipal Council (MPK) Health Department director Azmi Moll said until July 27, there were 8,636 cases, an increase of 2,518 cases.

"Of the number, 5,440 were

youths," he said.

Azmi said those aged between 19 and 24 leave for college or university early in the morning.

Others below 30 years are those leaving for work at dawn when they are likely to be more exposed to mosquitoes.

In Shah Alam the numbers dropped slightly this year. Until June a total 7,222 cases were recorded while it was 7,700



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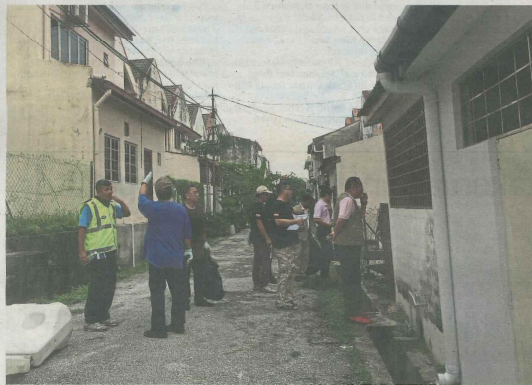
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An MPS worker conducting larviciding at a neighbourhood.



MPS Health Department personnel fogging a neighbourhood.



In response to the dengue rise, residents in Subang Jaya had a gotong royong to clean up their neighbourhood.



An MPKJ search-and-destroy programme in progress.

cases last year.

Although there was a 12% drop in cases, there have been four deaths as of July," said Shah Alam City Council corporate communications head Shahrin Ahmed.

Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) Corporate Communications Department deputy director Ahmad Fauzi Ishak said two deaths were reported so far in Bandar Tasik Puteri in Rawang and Kampung Kerdas in Gombak.

In the Subang Jaya municipality, 5,831 dengue cases have been recorded until July 27.

In Kuala Lumpur, there has been an increase of 142%.

As of July 31 last year there were 5,606 cases but 8,748 cases recorded this year.

Also, four deaths were recorded this year and 11 last year.

Some 113 hotspots were identified too.

The more serious areas were Desa Pasifik near the KL-Ampang border and Pelangi Indah condominium, off Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah.

The dengue outbreak lasted for 79 days in Desa Pasifik with 91 cases while the outbreak at

Pelangi Indah condominium was prolonged over 77 days where 20 cases were reported.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) Health Department senior deputy director Umi Ahmad said

unattended land which were turned into illegal rubbish dumping grounds were common mosquito breeding sites.

Up north and down south

Perak has recorded a 4.3% increase in dengue cases.

Based on the state Health Department website, 1,813 cases were recorded as of July 20 this year with three deaths, while last year there were 1,739 cases with also three deaths.

The report said Taman Semarak in Taiping was categorised as an uncontrolled outbreak and various measures have been taken to contain it.

Dengue cases in Negri Sembilan in the first seven months of this year have increased by almost 80% with 1,404 cases and seven deaths.

State health director Datuk Dr Zainuddin Mohd Ali said 785 cases

with two deaths were reported during the corresponding period last year.

Despite the increase, in recent weeks, it has been on a decline. Dr Zainuddin said 94 cases were reported in Week 30 of this year as against 43 in Week 29 and 59 in Week 28.

On a positive note, Melaka recorded zero dengue cases since last week.

State Health and Anti-Drug Committee chairman Low Chee Leong said 16,000 male mosquitoes were released last month to destroy the *Aedes Aegypti* species.

"We used to get one case daily during peak periods. We thank these 'Romeo' mosquitoes for doing their job although it is still too early to gauge the success of the sterile insect technique (SIT)," Low said before SIT Kota Laksamana was one of the areas with a high number of dengue cases.

"Sterile males were released at the Kota Laksamana Apartment area in Phase 1. A total of 65,000 male mosquitoes would be freed in stages to mate with females to reduce the population."

Dengue cases and deaths until week 30, July 27 in Malaysia

States	Cases	
	2018	2019
Selangor	22,918 (18)	42,700 (36)
Kuala Lumpur/ Putrajaya	3,698 (6)	9,369 (6)
Johor	3,252 (9)	6,373 (17)
Penang	2,695 (3)	3,258 (8)
Sabah	1,845 (15)	3,050 (15)
Kelantan	590 (1)	2,549 (3)
Perak	1,782 (4)	1,903 (4)
Negri Sembilan	785 (2)	1,404 (7)
Melaka	326 (0)	1,264 (5)
Kedah	1,180 (3)	1,158 (4)
Pahang	531 (2)	1,119 (4)
Sarawak	307 (1)	1,118 (1)
Terengganu	186 (2)	384 (1)
Perlis	157 (0)	238 (0)
Labuan	68 (0)	26 (0)
Total	40,320 (66)	75,913 (131)

Note: () number of deaths

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Students preparing plastic bottles to be transformed into furniture in the EcoBrick activity.

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STUDENTS from two schools in Ampang learned how plastic bottles could be reused at a sustainable environment workshop.

In the 'EcoBrick' activity, they packed the bottles with plastics so they could be reused as tables and chairs.

Twenty students from SMK Tasek Permai and SK Lernbah Jaya participated in the workshop which is held annually in schools around Ampang to educate students on recycling as well as the importance of preserving the environment.

"Children are the leaders of the future and have the power to change Malaysian landscapes," said Malaysian Sustainable Environment Association chairman Rashdan

Rashid who organised the workshop.

He said 'EcoBrick' is an alternative way to repurpose bottles and plastic instead of allowing them to end up in landfills.

The workshop is one of the initiatives by the association to raise awareness among children on the importance of maintaining and preserving the environment.

Rashdan said the association wants Selangor to be a benchmark for other states in Malaysia.

"We want students from these schools to be icons and ambassadors for this effort," said Rashdan.

State Housing and Urban Living Committee chairman Haniza Mohamed Talha said the well-being of city residents should be a priority.

"We need to empower the community to

have a sense of belonging by caring for property, space and shared facilities.

"They need to have a sense of responsibility to the community and their place of residence."

"Hence, such programmes can educate children in understanding their responsibilities," added Haniza.





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Shah Alam: Program berterusan mengenai kesedaran keselamatan lif harus dipertingkatkan kepada orang ramai, terutama penduduk di kawasan Projek Perumahan Rakyat (PPR).

Presiden Persatuan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan Malaysia (MSOSH), Khairuddin Hairan, berkata ini kerana lif di PPR diketahui sentiasa berdepan masalah vandalisme dilakukan setengah penduduk tidak bertanggungjawab.

"Ia menyebabkan penduduk lain juga terkesan dengan lif yang tidak sempurna dan tidak selamat digunakan. MSOSH menggesa masyarakat di PPR lebih cakna dengan kepentingan keselamatan penggunaan lif untuk kepentingan bersama.

"Walaupun ada pihak cuba tuding jari kepada pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) dan kontraktor, program berterusan perlu dibuat agar matlamat menyedarkan masyarakat dapat dicapai sebelum ada kes kehilangan nyawa," katanya dalam satu kenyataan, semalam.

Beliau berkata, MSOSH bersedia membantu Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) serta PBT lain dan Jabatan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (JKKP) dalam aspek pengurusan keselamatan dan kesihatan pekerjaan (KKP).

Katanya, ia merangkumi kontraktor, penyelaras KKP, Badan Pengurusan Bersama (JMB) kawasan perumahan serta kakitangan DBKL dan PBT lain, selain pengauditan pihak ketiga dan anugerah KKP dalam kalangan PBT.

Sementara itu, Menteri Besar Selangor, Amirudin Shari ketika ditemui pemberita, di sini, semalam, berkata semua lif di kawasan pangsapuri kos rendah dan sederhana di Selangor diselenggara serta dibaik pulih menerusi Skim CERIA sejak 2009.

"Ini usaha kerajaan negeri yang memandang serius isu keselamatan penduduk di kawasan perumahan bertingkat. Kerajaan negeri tubuhkan Skim CERIA untuk selenggara lif. Walaupun tidak semua, saya percaya banyak lif sudah diganti melalui skim ini," katanya.

Mengenai kejadian empat pengunjug Kompleks Agama Bandar Baru Kuala Selangor terpe-rangkap hampir 30 minit dalam lif pada Jumaat lalu, beliau berkata, lif di situ di bawah selenggara Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan.

"Premis berkenaan milik Kerajaan Persekutuan, jadi lif di bawah tanggungjawab kementerian