



EMCO at Perak Orang Asli village

KUALA LUMPUR: The authorities are imposing the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO) on Kampung Orang Asli Batu 6, Jalan Pahang, Batang Padang in Perak from today to Feb 3.

Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said this was due to a rise in the number of Covid-19 cases in the area.

He said up to Monday, 12 cases had been detected after close-contact screening was conducted since Jan 12 on residents who showed symptoms.

“There are 87 close-contact cases undergoing quarantine.

“The EMCO is to control the movement of the 494 residents and to ensure the Health Ministry carries out its targeted screening,” he said yesterday.

Meanwhile, authorities on Tuesday detained 752 people for violating standard operating procedures (SOP), with 277 people failing to wear their face masks.

Other offences involved 137 business operators who did not provide equipment or entry logs for patrons to record their details; 128 people who did not observe physical distancing; 73 who made interstate or inter-district travels without permission; 39 premises operating beyond the permitted hours; and 98 other wrongdoings.

Ismail Sabri said 718 of these offenders were slapped with compounds, while 34 were remanded.

“Police conducted 53,961 inspections nationwide yesterday (Tuesday) for SOP compliance.

“A total of 2,778 compliance teams made up of 11,950 personnel conducted checks at 3,317 supermarkets, 4,627 restaurants, 1,780 hawkers, 1,401 factories, 3,155 banks and 632 government offices,” he said.

On Op Benteng, he said 57 illegal immigrants were arrested on Tuesday and 10 vehicles seized.

The authorities had mounted 443 roadblocks nationwide, he said.

On the mandatory screening of foreign workers, he said 178,370 had undergone the screenings up to Tuesday.

“Of the total, 3,520 workers tested positive, while 174,850 tested negative.