

# SARAWAK RECORDS TWO MORE DEATHS AND SIX NEW POSITIVE CASES

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KUCHING: The Covid-19 death toll in Sarawak rose to five yesterday after two patients succumbed to the coronavirus in Kuching and Miri, the State Disaster Management Committee announced.

In a statement, the committee said one victim was a 49-year-old man from Kuching, whose mother and sister both died of Covid-19 on March 18 and 21, respectively.

“The man was admitted to Sarawak General Hospital (SGH) on March 18 where he was confirmed positive for Covid-19 and he died at the hospital today (Monday).

“His mother had also died of the same sickness on March 18 at her home in Kuching. His 40-year-old sister who also tested positive for Covid-19 had succumbed to the same sickness on March 21 at SGH,” said the statement.

The committee said the second death involved a 51-year-old woman from Limbang, who was a close contact of a member of the tabligh gathering at Sri Petaling Mosque in Kuala Lumpur.

It said the patient was admitted to Limbang Hospital on March 14 and airlifted to Miri Hospital the same day where she was confirmed to be positive for Covid-19.

Sarawak recorded its first Covid-19 death on March 17.

Meanwhile, committee chairman Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah said Sarawak also registered six new positive Covid-19 cases yesterday – all involving patients from Kuching who have been admitted to SGH.

He informed that the state to date has an accumulative total of 827 Person Under Investigation (PUI) cases, of which 718 cases had tested negative, while 72 are awaiting laboratory test results.

As of 5pm yesterday, there were 82 confirmed cases in the state.

The deputy chief minister also urged the people to continue observing the Movement Control Order and to stay at home.

“Practising social distancing and keeping personal hygiene to the highest standard are also very crucial. By doing so, people are doing their part to help the government in the fight against Covid-19,” he said.

