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KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 571,802 frontliners nationwide have registered to receive the Covid-19 vaccine, said Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

In a statement, he said of the total, 57.3 per cent are health and medical personnel from the Health Ministry; and 42.7 per cent are non-health personnel from the Armed Forces, Fire and Rescue Department, Police, Rela, Prisons Department, Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Welfare Services Department and others.

Malaysia's first phase of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme rolls out this Wednesday, with Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah being the first to be inoculated.

The first phase, conducted between February and April, would also be for frontline workers, including healthcare practitioners and security forces, involving approximately 500,000 people.

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The second phase (April-Aug 2021) would involve the elderly aged 65 years and above, high-risk groups and the disabled, totalling 9.4 million people. Phase three (May 2021-Feb 2022) would be for 13.7 million Malaysians and foreigners aged 18 and above.

The first batch of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine arrived at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), transported by MABkargo Sdn Bhd (MASKargo) via flight MH604, this morning.

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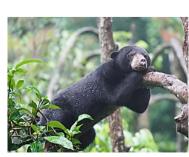


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