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#### Don't be fooled by people claiming to be Covid-19 vaccine agent



KUALA LUMPUR: The government has reminded the people to be wary of those claiming to sell Covid-19 vaccines or alleging that they are agents of Covid-19 vaccine manufacturers who can help the public secure supplies.

Senior Minister (Security Cluster) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said Malaysia has its own National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP), which rolled out recently to provide vaccines for the whole country.

Addressing claims that Covid-19 vaccines are being sold on e-commerce platforms, he said the only legitimate sources of the vaccine right now are the Health Ministry (MoH) and the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti).

"We recently announced the NIP, which is managed and coordinated by MOSTI and MoH.

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"We have also formed a special committee which outlines the NIP and appointed ministries specifically to ensure a smooth vaccine rollout.

"The people have also been asked to register themselves for inoculation through the MySejahtera app or via online registration, which will be available from tomorrow," he told a press conference today.

Ismail Sabri, who is also Senior Defence Minister, said the business of ensuring who gets the vaccine, as well as the management of the vaccine rollout depend solely on these two ministries.

"They are the only two entities authorised to issue the list of vaccine recipients," he said.

Ismail Sabri however did not deny that there are irresponsible parties which have been approaching members of the public as purported Covid-19 vaccine agents.

"There are some irresponsible people online and offline who have approached the public under the pretext of being agents for Covid-19 vaccines from certain countries or companies.

"Again, MOSTI or MoH are the only ministries authorised to handle the Covid-19 vaccine rollout in our country. As such, they know which companies carry which vaccine in our rollout programme, such as Pharmaniaga handling the Sinovac vaccine.

"As such, claims by some that they can secure Covid-19 vaccines or that they are agents appointed by the ministries are untrue.

"I hope the public will not be easily deceived by these irresponsible people. Anyone who has been approached by these unscrupulous people can directly contact the ministries for confirmation," he said.







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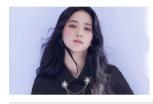
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