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KUALA LUMPUR: About 250 media personnel have been vaccinated since Wednesday last week, with more scheduled to receive their appointments soon.

Covid-19 National Immunisation Programme (NIP) Coordinating Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said the Covid-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF) was still in the process of sending out appointments to members of the media listed to be inoculated, including those who would be covering the Tokyo Olympics next month.

"Today, we will begin giving the first dose to more than 38 media personnel from 47 local and international agencies who are covering the Tokyo Olympics, at Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre, with the help of Sportswriters As-

sociation Malaysia.

"For those who have received their first AstraZeneca dose, the CITF will arrange so that their second dose appointments will be done before they leave for Tokyo," he said during the weekly CITF press conference here yesterday.

Khairy said to date, 700 vaccination appointments had been pushed out to media personnel nationwide for their first dose.

On Wednesday, 98 members of the media received their first dose at Dewan Seroja in Putrajaya, while 123 others in Perak received theirs on Friday.

"The CITF must balance the need to vaccinate our media friends, together with the need to immunise the elderly, the disabled, and those with comorbidities, as prioritised in Phase 2 of the NIP," he added.