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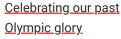


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Accolades proof that Malaysia not a failed state

By Mohd Iskandar Ibrahim - July 30, 2021 @ 6:58pm

Senior Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein (third, left) receiving the Covid-19 aid from the Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Malaysia Datuk Dr Mahmoud Hussien Saeed Qattan at the handing over ceremony at the Institute Of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS). Also present are Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba (second, left) and Coordinating Minister for the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme (PICK) Khairy Jamaluddin (left). - BERNAMA Pic

KUALA LUMPUR: Numerous accolades and support expressed by other countries are proof that Malaysia is not a failed government as claimed by certain quarters.

Senior Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said Malaysia also received various contributions by its allies as a show of appreciation.

"If we are a failed country, I don't think we would have received accolades and appreciations. Evidently, we have received contributions from other countries, especially Covid-19 vaccines," he told reporters after the handing over of Saudi Arabia Covid-19 aid to Malaysia at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS).

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Hishammuddin said Malaysia had so far received one million vaccine doses from the United States and Japan, as well as 500,000 doses from China.

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- <u>Close to 400,000 individuals have</u> been vaccinated
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- Over 7.8mil doses of Covid-19 vaccine administered as of Tuesday [NSTTV]

Another 450,000 doses by the United Kingdom were expected to arrive on Tuesday, he said.

"Today, I am pleased to announce one million AstraZeneca vaccine doses contributed by the Saudi Arabia government."

Malaysia today received 4.5 million units of medical equipment worth RM21.14 million from Saudi Arabia.

The contribution, handed over by Saudi ambassador to Malaysia Datuk Dr Mahmoud Hussien Saeed Qattan, among others, comprised facemasks, personal protective equipment (PPE), oxygen supplies and electricpowered beds.

Hishammuddin said the concern showed by Saudi Arabia King Raja Salman towards Malaysia, as well as efforts shown by his government, further proved the country's commitment to fighting the pandemic alongside Malaysia.

"This is not the first time the Saudi Arabian government has delivered Covid-19 aid to Malaysia. It was among the first countries to come forward and contributed about eight units of medical equipment to Malaysia in May, last year," he said.

Also present were Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy



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