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Perak urges Mosti to speed up vaccine supplies to the state



IPOH: The state government today urged the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry (Mosti) to speed up the supply of Covid-19 vaccines to Perak to enable it to enter Phase 3 of the National Recovery Plan (NRP).

Menteri Besar Datuk Saarani Mohamad said as of Wednesday, only 10.8 per cent or 311,793 individuals aged 18 and above had completed both doses, which is still far from the threshold value set at 40 per cent.

Saarani said the rate set by the National Security Council (NSC) is difficult to achieve because Perak did not receive vaccine supplies as scheduled.

"We regret this issue because in terms of cases, we still record low numbers... the use of beds in ICUs (intensive care unit) is also adequate.

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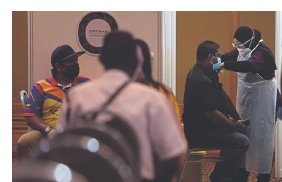
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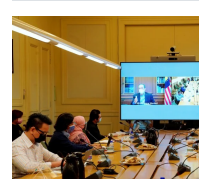
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"The requirement to achieve a 40 per cent vaccination rate is not due to the vaccination centres (PPV) or insufficient machinery... the problem is we don't get enough supply of vaccines as scheduled," he told reporters

after visiting the Public-Private Partnership Covid-19 Industry Immunisation Programme (Pikas) vaccination centre at the Casuarina Meru Hotel, here, today.

Saarani also stressed that the state should have received a total 688,000 doses of vaccines, but only received 452,610 so far.

On July 4, Saarani said the state can achieve 40 per cent as it currently has 101 PPVs, comprising 31 in public hospitals and 70 in private clinics and hospitals.

For Phase 3 of the NRP, the indicators that need to be achieved are average daily cases below 2,000, the public healthcare system is at a satisfactory level, with the rate of bed usages in ICUs dropping to an adequate level, and 40 per cent of the country's population having received the second dose of vaccination.

On a separate note, Saarani said the state has opened three Pikas vaccination centres namely PPV Convention Centre Casuarina Meru, PPV Kompleks Sukan Proton and PPV Sapura Fabrication Sdn. Bhd to expedite the vaccination process among industry workers.

"We will be opening another Pikas PPV in Taiping at the St Louis Hall next Wednesday," he added.



Datuk Saarani Mohamad (left) looks on as Durg Bahadur Khand (sitting) from Nepal receives his vaccination at the PPV Convention Centre Casuarina Meru. - NSTP/SHARUL HAFIZ ZAM

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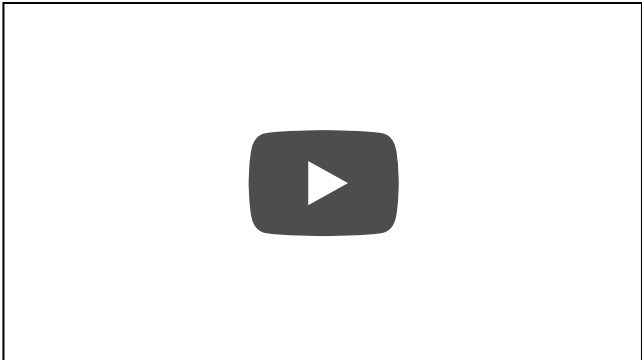
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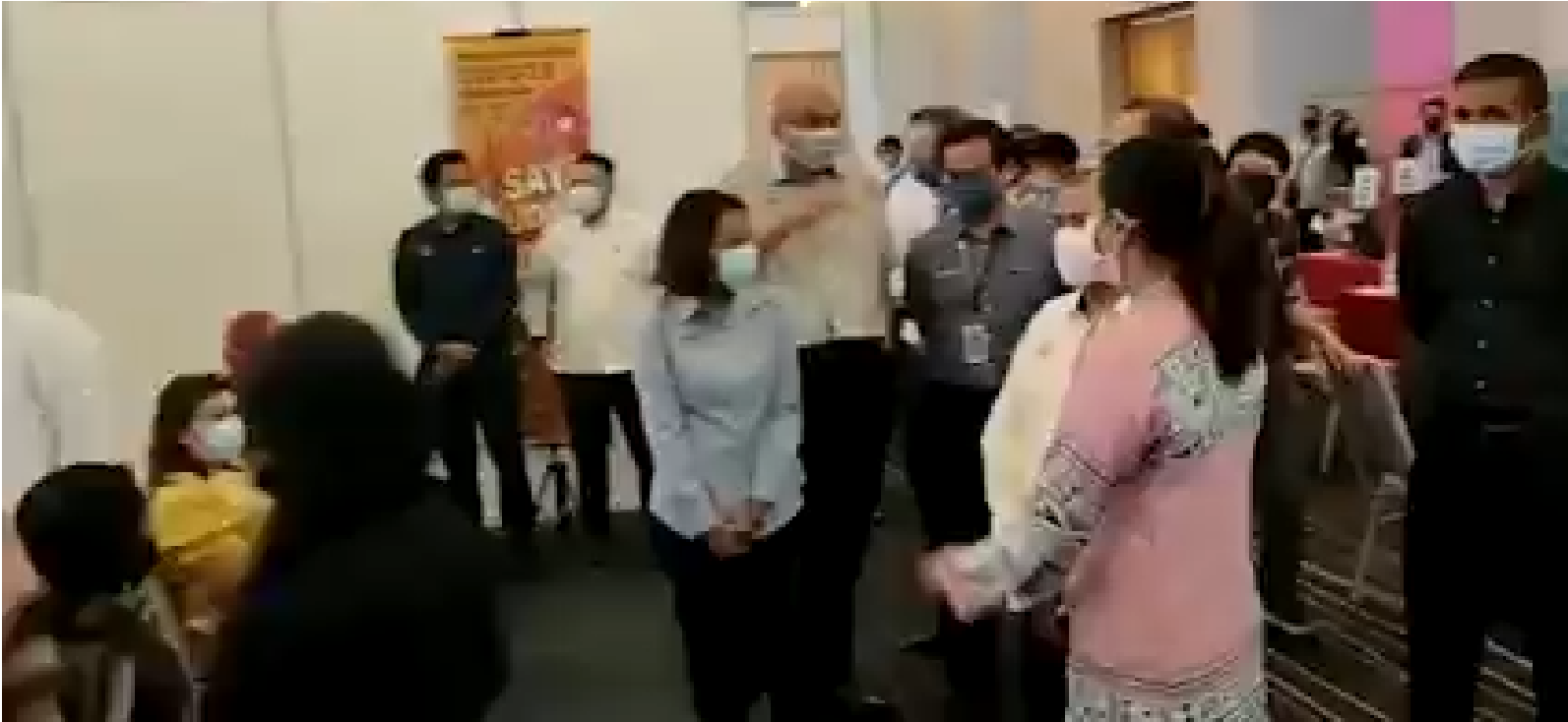
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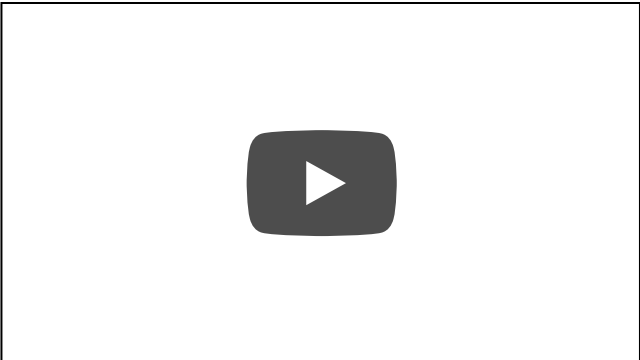
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