

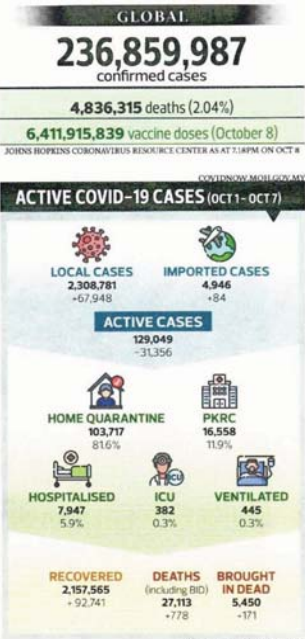


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VACCINE DEVELOPMENTS

Ugur Sahin, CEO of BioNTech, sees a need for an updated Covid-19 vaccine by the middle of next year as the virus further mutates. According to Sahin, the so-called Delta strain of the virus is more contagious but not different enough to undermine the effectiveness of current vaccines, and therefore, **booster shots of current vaccines are still useful.**

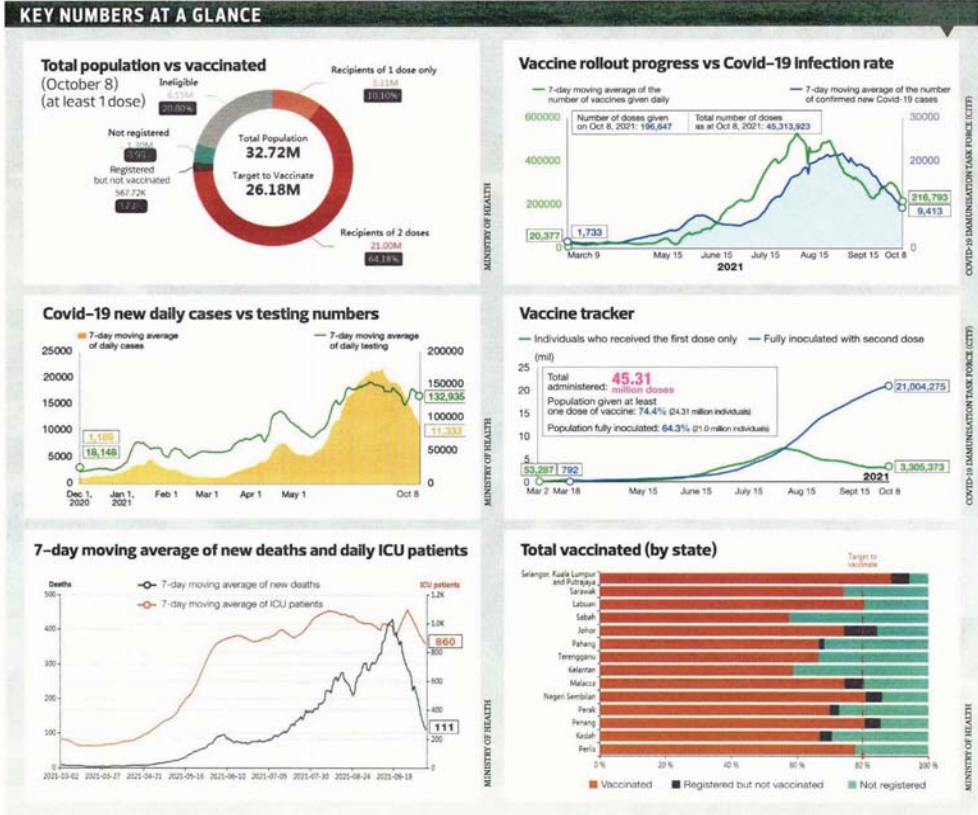
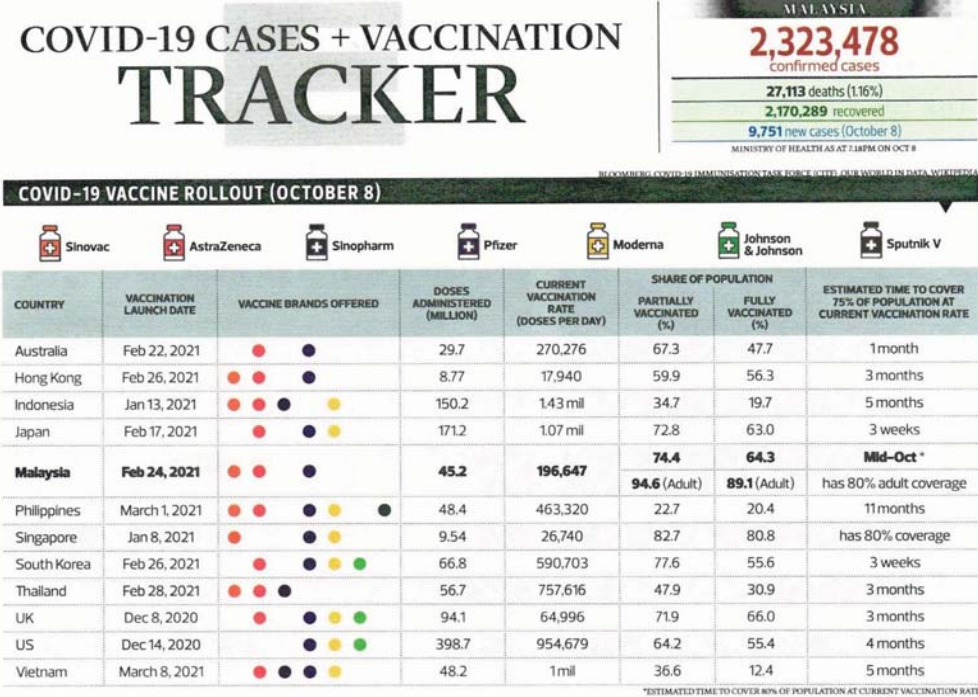
AstraZeneca has requested emergency approval from US regulators for its antibody cocktail, **the first protective shot other than vaccines against Covid-19** – another potential major step in the global fight to combat the virus.

Sweden and Denmark said last Wednesday they are **pausing the use of Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine** for younger age groups after reports of possible rare cardiovascular side effects.

Two real-world studies, from Israel and from Qatar, which were published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* last Wednesday, confirm that the **immune protection offered by two doses of Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine drops off after two months or so**, although protection against severe disease, hospitalisation and death remains strong.

Pharmaniga Bhd notes that the **Sinovac Covid-19 vaccine is safe for children and adolescents**, with more than 63 million doses administered to individuals aged 12 to 17 in China.

Deputy Science, Technology and Innovation Minister **Datuk Ahmad Amzad Hashim** has cautioned that the **Covid-19 vaccine doses received as donations from other countries are not meant for sale.**





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SUMMARIES

G L O B A L 236,859,987 confirmed cases 4,836,315 deaths (2.04%) 6,411,915,839 vaccine doses (October 8) JOHNS HOPKINS CORONAVIRUS RESOURCE CENTER AS AT 7.18PM ON OCT 8

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