

Dengue cases on the rise

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THE number of dengue cases has risen sharply during the week of Sept 14 to 20, hitting 915 cases, including two deaths, compared with 837 cases reported the previous week and this situation is worrying the Health Ministry.

The latest figure represents an 8.5 per cent or increase — or 78 more cases — than the previous week, the ministry's Disease Control Division director, Datuk Dr Hasan Abdul Rahman, said in a statement issued in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Of the total for the week up to last Saturday, Selangor, Johor, Perak, Terengganu and Sarawak accounted for 631 cases.

“Though members of the public are aware of the dangers posed by

dengue, many are still not careful in preventing Aedes mosquitoes from breeding,” he said.

The people should, by all means, take steps to ensure that there are no conducive breeding grounds for the Aedes mosquito in their areas, Dr Hasan said.

However, the overall number of dengue cases up to Sept 20, at 33,558, was 12.48 per cent lower than the 37,745 cases reported over the same period in 2007.

Dr Hasan said enforcement units throughout the country had issued 270 compounds amounting to RM43,780, besides another 318 warning notices to property owners to clean up their premises. —
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