

# Dengue fever toll rises to 106

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Six people died of dengue fever last week, raising the death toll for this year to 106, while chikungunya has claimed no lives so far.

The Health Ministry's disease control director, Datuk Dr Hasan Abdul Rahman, said yesterday that dengue cases recorded in the Dec 14-20 period rose by 105 to 1,260, compared with the previous week.

"There were six deaths during the week — three in Selangor, two in Perak and one in Kuala Lumpur."

The number of deaths last year was 97.

Dr Hasan urged the public to spare 10 minutes every week to find and destroy Aedes breeding grounds inside and out-

side their houses and allow fogging in their homes.

In terms of enforcement, he said, 315 compound fines amounting to RM58,950 and 352 notices were issued.

In a separate statement, Dr Hasan said 119 chikungunya cases were reported during the Dec 14-20 period, compared with 158 previously.

The new cases were found in 91 localities, with 35 cases in Kedah and 21 cases each in Kelantan and Johor.

Also affected were Selangor (20 cases), Perak (10), Pahang (four), Negri Sembilan (three), Kuala Lumpur and Perlis (two each) and Putrajaya (one).

To date, 3,984 chikungunya cases have been reported. But no one has died from the disease, he said. — Bernama

## DENGUE DEATHS (DEC 14-20)

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in Selangor

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in Perak

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in Kuala Lumpur