

Four more suspected cases of A(H1N1) quarantined

THE SUN 02/06/09
MS 5



by **Giam Say Khoo**
newsdesk@thesundaily.com

PETALING JAYA: Four more suspected cases of influenza A(H1N1) have been placed in isolation wards in three hospitals in the country for examination.

Health Ministry director-general Tan Sri Dr Mohd Ismail Merican said the ministry had recorded a total of 345 cases admitted to isolation wards so far but only two cases were positive, which had been reported on May 15 and 16 after their return from the United States.

He said as at 8am yesterday, there were

11 people who came into contact with the A(H1N1) cases still under home quarantine and they were in healthy condition without the symptoms of contracting the disease.

He said in a statement that one who came into contact with a case in Singapore ended the home quarantine yesterday, while the other six will end their quarantine today.

For the other four who came into contact with cases in Hongkong, two will end the quarantine on Thursday and the rest will be on Friday," he said, adding that there is no local transmission here and the country is still free from the disease.

Mohd Ismail added that a total of 9,161

visitors from 56 infected countries had been screened on Sunday and only one had to be referred to the hospital for examination..

He also advised the public to practise good cough etiquette by covering one's mouth when coughing or sneezing, wash hands with soap and water after coughing and for those who are coughing and having cold to wear the three-ply mask to avoid infecting other people.

"Those who have fever, cough and cold are advised to stay in the country to minimise the chances of being infected when travelling abroad," he said.