



*JABATAN PERKHIDMATAN VETERINAR MALAYSIA*

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## NO SIGNS OF VIRUS

# ‘MALAYSIA FREE FROM AFRICAN SWINE FEVER’

Surveillance being carried out at pig farms, but no cases detected, says DVS

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**T**HE Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) has assured that Malaysia is free from African Swine Fever (ASF), a disease that infects pigs and wild boars.

Its director-general, Datuk Dr Quaza Nizamuddin Hassan Nizam, said clinical surveillance conducted at commercial pig farms in eight states had found no signs of ASF.

“Samplings conducted together with the Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) on 46 wild boars in seven states in the peninsula also found no signs of the ASF virus,” he said in a statement.

ASF is a large, double-stranded DNA virus in the *Asfarviridae* family.

The virus causes haemorrhagic fever with high mortality rates in pigs, and can lead to death as quickly as a week upon infection.

Dr Quaza said the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (Majis) had conducted random checks on 180 pork meat supplies imported into the country through West Port, Port of Pasir Gudang and Bukit Kayu Hitam from countries that were affected by the virus since Nov 12 last year.

“Checks were also conducted on pork products that were brought in by passengers from countries with a high risk for ASF at KLIA, Klia2, Penang, Johor Baru, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu.

“So far, none of the samples had traces of ASF.”

Dr Quaza said DVS had imposed a ban on imports of pork and pork products from China, Poland, Belgium, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia as a precautionary measure.

He said the department had conducted awareness campaigns for pig farm owners and operators at all eight states to improve the farms’ biosecurity.

### WHAT IS AFRICAN SWINE FEVER?

A highly contagious haemorrhagic disease of pigs, warthogs, European wild boar and American wild pigs. All age groups are equally susceptible.

**HOW DOES ASF SPREAD?**

- Warthog can serve as a natural reservoir of the virus without any sign of the disease. Spread from this reservoir is via the soft tick *Ornithodoros moubata*. The tick will ingest the virus when taking a blood meal and then pass it on when feeding on susceptible animals.
- The virus is found in all bodily fluids and tissues of infected domestic pigs. Pigs usually become infected by direct contact with infected ones or by ingestion of rubbish containing unprocessed infected pig meat or pig meat products.
- Biting flies and ticks, contaminated premises, vehicles, equipment or clothing can also spread the virus to susceptible animals.

**WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF ASF?**

Loss of appetite, high temperature, haemorrhages in the skin and internal organs, diarrhoea, depression, vomiting and difficulty with breathing and standing.

**IS ASF A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT?**

ASF is not a risk to human health, non-swine pets or other livestock. It is a viral disease impacting only pigs.

**PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES**

Prevention in countries free of the disease depends on stringent import policies, ensuring that neither infected live pigs nor pork products are introduced into areas free of ASF. This includes ensuring proper disposal of waste food from aircraft, ships or vehicles coming from infected countries. In endemic areas, it is difficult to eliminate the natural reservoir in warthogs; however, control of the soft tick vectors is important in preventing the disease. It is also important to ensure that meat from warthogs or infected animals is not fed to susceptible pigs.

All successful eradication programmes involve the rapid diagnosis, slaughter and disposal of all animals on infected premises, thorough cleaning and disinfection, movement controls and surveillance.

Deputy Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Sim Tze Tzin (left) and Department of Veterinary Services director-general Datuk Dr Quaza Nizamuddin Hassan Nizam at a pig farm in Kampung Valdor, Batu Kawan, Penang, on Monday. BERNAMA/IC

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>> *Anjing pernah serang pekerja syarikat pembersihan sebelum ini*

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## Digigit anjing ketika bertugas

■ **Kakitangan DBKL diserang haiwan tak berantai ketika menjalankan pemeriksaan rumah**

Seorang Penolong Pegawai Kesihatan Persekitaran Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) cedera di kaki kanannya selepas digigit anjing ketika menjalankan pemeriksaan di Titiwangsa, di sini, kelmarin.

Mangsa M Vistarami berkata, ketika kejadian itu, dia bersama kakitangan lain sedang melakukan pemeriksaan di sebuah rumah di kawasan terpacak di kediaman berkenaan.

Menurutnya, dia meminta pemilik rumah bekerjasama bagi menyiasat berhubung aduan terbabit, namun lelaki itu enggan berbuat demikian.

Secara tiba-tiba seekor anjing yang tidak berantai di dalam rumah berkenaan mengejar sebelum menerkam saya ketika mahu beredar.

Saya kemudian menaiki van dan mendapati kaki kanan luka akibat digigit anjing berkenaan lalu mendapatkan rawatan di Klinik DBKL. ka tanya ketika dihubungi, di sini, semalam.

Sementara itu, Pengarah Jabatan Kesihatan dan Alam Sekitar DBKL, Datin Dr Noor Akma Shabuddin berkata, siasatan mendapati anjing berkenaan sebelum ini turut pernah menyerang pekerja syarikat pembersihan.

Menurut Dr Noor Akma, pihaknya menjangkap anjing berkenaan untuk melihat simptom berkaitan rabies dan akan dipertimbangkan untuk pelupusan bagi tujuan kajian pengesanan penyakit rabies.

**KEADAAN kaki kakitangan DBKL yang cedera selepas digigit anjing.**

**LOKASI kejadian kakitangan DBKL digigit anjing.**


