

# Govt allocates RM10m for Covid-19 vacc side-effect special aid

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PUTRAJAYA (March 22): The government has allocated an initial fund of RM10 million for speci Malaysians and foreigners who experience adverse side-effects after being vaccinated under the Immunisation Programme.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba, when announcing the matter today said the fund, Relief Trust Fund (KWABBN) will be managed by the National Disaster Management Agency (N

He said vaccine recipients who suffer serious side-effects that require long-term hospital treatr while RM500,000 aid would be given in the event of death or permanent disability due to Covic

"The special financial assistance is a proactive move by the government to deal with the possib about by the Covid-19 vaccine," he said told a press conference here.

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Present was National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme Coordinating Minister Khairy Jamalı

Dr Adham said, it is hoped that the special assistance could help meet the needs of vaccine recimembers who might be affected by the side-effect of the Covid-19 vaccine.

He said the Health Ministry had set up three committees, namely the Special Pharmacovigilance Vaccine Monitoring; the Medical Technical Committee; and the Special Financial Assistance Ste Vaccine Exigencies to conduct the side-effect assessment.

The Special Pharmacovigilance Committee for Covid-19 Vaccine Monitoring would monitor and the immunisation and safety issues related to the vaccine, he said.

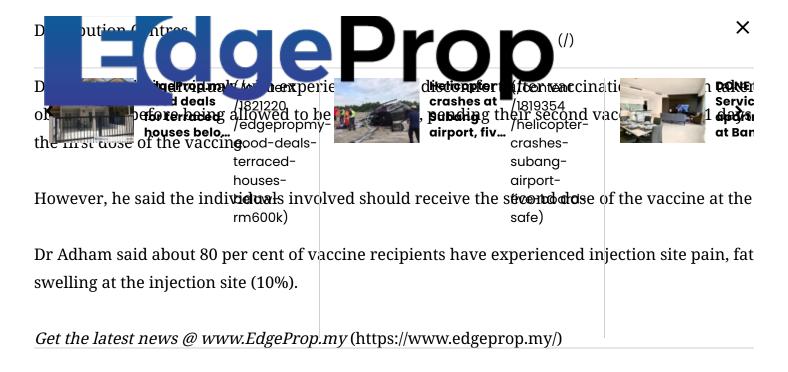
Dr Adham said the Medical Technical Committee, which consists of medical experts, will detern the special financial assistance has a causal relationship with the Covid-19 vaccine.

"The assessment will be done on a case-to-case basis based on the evidence received and the re Pharmacovigilance Committee for Covid-19 Vaccine Monitoring," he said.

Dr Adham said the Special Financial Assistance Steering Committee for Covid-19 Vaccine Exiger for the special financial assistance based on the decisions of the two committees.

On the side effects of the Covid-19 vaccine, he said 20 side effects have been reported as of Mar shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, palpitations, itchiness, numbness, rashes and chest tight

He said these side effects were reported through the MySejahtera application and the observat



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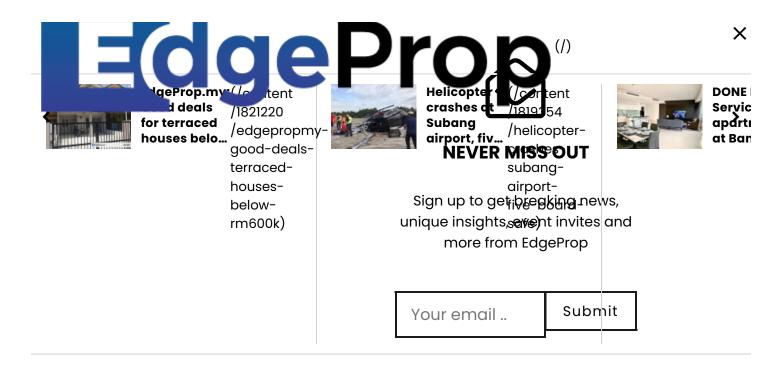


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