

Travel ban does not include M'sians returning

PUTRAJAYA: The travel ban imposed on people from 23 countries with a high number of Covid-19 cases does not apply to Malaysians returning from these countries and there should not be any confusion on this policy, says Senior Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

He added that he had made it clear in his previous media conference that Malaysians coming back from high-risk countries will not be affected by the ban.

"Malaysians are free to return to the coun-

try and will undergo 14 days' quarantine at designated stations as per existing procedure.

"I'm not sure what had happened at the airport earlier today (yesterday), but I hope there will be no more confusion regarding this," he told *The Star*.

Ismail Sabri said he contacted the Immigration Department upon hearing news on the confusion.

"Immigration authorities said they are clear about this policy and did not bar Malaysians from entering," he added.

About 50 Malaysians who arrived from the United Kingdom were stranded at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) amid confusion among the authorities and claims that there were no hotel rooms to quarantine them in.

The passengers who arrived at about 6.30am yesterday claimed that when they disembarked, they were stopped from getting to the immigration counters despite having approval letters from the High Commission of Malaysia in the United Kingdom.