

Last Labuan matriculation students batch leave for home

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Some of the students leaving for home yesterday.

LABUAN: A total of 154 Labuan Matriculation College (KML) students left for their homes Monday, the last among the 2,232 students of the college to be sent back to the peninsula, Sabah and Sarawak after the imposition of the Movement Control Order (MCO) on March 18.

The last batch of returning students boarded eight buses to Tawau, Sabah via the Labuan Ferry Terminal, witnessed by Labuan Disaster Management Committee chairman Dr Fary Akmal Osman.

“We have finally sent back home all the KML students within the set 16-day time frame to be together with their families,” Dr Fary Akmal said.

In Labuan, KML had the most number of students stranded following the enforcement of the MCO, followed by Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Labuan International Campus (UMSKAL) with 1,098 and Industrial Training Institute (ITI) with 39 students.

She said 48 UMSKAL students would be sent home to Bintulu on a Malaysia Airlines flight tomorrow while 220 are still waiting for the Sabah government’s permission.

Meanwhile, 232 students from Labuan who were stranded in their campuses in peninsular Malaysia arrived here on a Malaysia Airlines chartered flight on May 15, with 111 of them currently being quarantined at Pusat Giat Mara and Industrial Training Institute.

“We have been told by the Ministry of Higher Education that at least 20 more students from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang will be sent back here soon before Aidilfitri via a chartered flight,” she added.