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Visitors to be screened for MERS-CoV

PUTRAJAYA — Visitors entering the country through KL International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang will be screened for the Middle East respiratory syndrome corona virus (MERS-CoV), said Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam.

The situation in the country was under control and no new cases had been reported, he said yesterday.

On Monday, Health director-general Datuk Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah said in a statement that no new cases had

been reported in the country.

Malaysia recorded its first death related to MERS-CoV on April 13, after a 54-year-old man contracted the virus while performing the *umrah* in Mecca.

The victim from Batu Pahat, Johor,

died at Sultanah Nora Ismail Hospital of pneumonia as a result of MERS-CoV infection.

The World Health Organisation recorded has 238 cases and 92 deaths related to MERS-CoV globally. — Bernama