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WHO predicts Malaysia's COVID-19 cases to peak mid-April

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The number of COVID-19 cases in Malaysia is expected to peak in mid-April and there are signs of a flattening of the infection curve, the World Health Organization (WHO) mentioned on 2 April 2020.

Malaysia has the highest number of known infections in Southeast Asia with 3,116 confirmed cases. It has imposed travel and movement curbs to contain the spread of the virus. Currently, there are 105 coronavirus patients in intensive care across Malaysia. There have been a total of 50 deaths,

"Based on available data, the WHO Country Office has projected that Malaysia will see a peak in hospitalised cases in mid-April. The number of critically ill patients is estimated to reach the peak within the next week" says Ying-Ru Lo, the WHO's head of mission and representative to Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore.

"There are initial signs of flattening of the curve, but this could bounce back if control measures are lifted and if people don't continue to take protective measures," Lo said. It is necessary to curbs on travel and movement help curtail the spread.

Malaysia has ramped up its diagnostic testing capacity in recent days, testing more than 7,000 a day from last week's 3,500.