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## Number of dengue cases in Sabah surges by 61pc

**KOTA KINABALU:** Sabah recorded 4,629 dengue cases, including 22 deaths, this year, said state Health and People's Wellbeing Minister Datuk Frankie Poon. "The number of cases increased by 1,753, or 61 per cent, compared with the same period last year. The number of deaths related to dengue is the same as last year," he said yesterday, adding that Sandakan had the most number of cases at 1,144, followed by Kota Kinabalu (722), Tawau (698), Lahad Datu (591) and Semporna (276). Three dengue outbreak hotspots here — Kampung Warisan Phase 2 (five cases), Taman Foh Sang (six cases) and Kampung Kobuni (three cases) — were under control. "Measures taken to contain the outbreak include working with agencies and communities to control and prevent the disease. Authorities have conducted fogging and elimination of mosquito breeding grounds in localities with dengue cases," Poon said. He advised people to cooperate during inspections and fogging. He said the community was also taught how to recognise dengue symptoms.