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## App to track people in quarantine being tested

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A geo-fencing app to monitor Covid-19 Categories 1 and 2 patients and those under quarantine began its trial yesterday.

Greater Klang Valley Special Task Force Joint Department Commander Brigadier-General Dr Mohd Arshil Moideen said the trial was expected to be completed in a week and everyone under a Home Surveillance Order must download the geo-fencing app to their smartphones when it was fully functional.

He said a patient would have to consent to being tracked, otherwise, they would be admitted to a quarantine centre or subject to regular checks by the authorities.

"The trial run is being conducted internally. Only after perfecting the technical part, which we target can be completed within a week, will we start implementing it fully. The purpose is to allow targeted enforcement, where inspection teams would be sent to check on violators at home once alarms are raised," he told the *New Straits Times*.

Dr Arshil said those who switched off their phone, left it idle for too long, uninstalled the app or switched off the location/GPS (Global Positioning System) features would be visited by enforcement officers.

He said aerial surveillance could be deployed if there were too many violators in one area.

"This is more of a deterrent until a more sophisticated system, which will take time and money, is in place.

"Whatever we are doing now is an in-house capability and requires no additional cost, but is practical enough to be implemented."



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Dr Arshil, who is Armed Forces health services division head

of management, said the app was being used by the Armed Forces' Geo-spatial Defence Division and the Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia for security purposes, but it had been enhanced to help the Health Ministry.

He said the app was needed to avoid clashing with the MySejahtera database, which might not have the actual addresses of those under quarantine.

He said the conventional monitoring was now impossible as there were too many cases.

He said the movements of a person under surveillance would be tracked at state and district operation rooms.

"We need everyone to be compliant. We will see no end to this pandemic if Malaysians do not help us to break the chain of transmission."

