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PUTRAJAYA: The warm relations between Malaysia and Brunei have enabled a joint effort to bring home stranded citizens of both countries.

A total of 84 Malaysians, who were stranded in Egypt, joined Bruneians in a flight chartered by the Brunei government to bring its citizens back to Bandar Seri Begawan.

The Malaysians were safely back in Kuala Lumpur via a Malaysia Airlines flight yesterday.

Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Kamarudin Jaffar said the Malaysian government, on its part, assisted the Brunei government to send home 134 of its citizens stranded in Malaysia.

He said the Brunei nationals took a MAS flight, which arrived at Bandar Seri Begawan Airport at 5.15am yesterday.

"The aircraft later brought home the 84 Malaysians from Egypt.

"Another 25 Malaysians, who were stranded in Brunei, also joined them in the flight back to Kuala Lumpur," he said in a statement.

Separately, a total of 18 Malaysians, who were reported to be stranded in the Maldives as a result of the global cross-border travel restrictions amid the Covid-19 pandemic, have safely arrived in Malaysia on a special aircraft early yesterday.

All of them, comprising tourists and those working in the Maldives, departed from the capital city Male and arrived at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang at 1.35am via Weststar's Boeing Business Jet aircraft. Weststar Aviation Services said the cost of the repatriation mission – a joint effort between Weststar and the Malaysian government – was fully sponsored by Weststar.

"We would like to thank all our selfless and heroic frontliners, who are working tirelessly to care and protect us in critical times like these.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to those who have lost their loved ones, our deepest condolences for their loss and bereavement," it said in a statement. — Bernama

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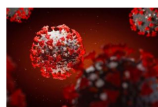
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