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KUANTAN: The Health Ministry has not received any report with regard to the spread of diseases by monkeys.

However, Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said the ministry would look into this matter.

He told reporters this after visiting several clinics here yesterday.

A news report yesterday said that research conducted by Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Department of Wildlife and National Parks (Perhilitan) on more than 2,000 monkeys showed that 80 per cent of the animals had HIV, dengue, malaria and tuberculosis, which may spread to humans.
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