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Malaysia turns to drones to combat Aedes mosquitos

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The Malaysian Health Ministry plans to extend their use of drone technology at state health departments throughout the nation in an effort to combat Aedes mosquitoes and control Dengue outbreaks.

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The minister states that the decline in dengue and fatal dengue cases is due to the ongoing efforts to increase the public awareness of the danger of the mosquitoes. The Malaysian Health Ministry is also promoting precautionary measures which include the communication for behavioral impact program (combi).