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Dua bot nelayan Vietnam cuba curi gamat



Syed Nor Adli (kiri) memeriksa nelayan asing warga Vietnam yang menceroobh perairan negara pada Isnin.

PASIR PUTEH - Agensi Penguatkuasaan Maritim Malaysia (Maritim Malaysia) Kelantan menahan kapal Vietnam yang menceroobh dan merompak hasil negara dalam dua serbuan berasingan di perairan negeri itu pada Sabtu.

Serbuan pada jarak 54 dan 56 batu nautika dari Muara Tok Bali itu melibatkan rampasan dua bot, diesel sebanyak 10,000 liter dan peralatan menanggung gamat yang dianggarkan berjumlah RM600,000.

Pengarah Maritim Malaysia Kelantan, Kepten Maritim Syed Nor Adli Syed Ab Rahman berkata, semasa melakukan rondaan menerusi Op Kuda Laut pada jam 3.29 petang, pihaknya telah mengesan kedua-dua bot berkenaan dalam keadaan mencurigakan.

“Pihak kami mengambil masa lebih kurang satu jam setengah untuk memintas dan menahan kedua-dua bot tersebut.

“Semasa cuba menahan kumpulan nelayan asing itu, kedua-dua bot bertindak melepaskan tali ke dalam air serta meletakkan besi penghadang di sisi bot mereka bagi menghalang tugas anggota penguat kuasa,” katanya semasa sidang akhbar di Jeti Maritim Malaysia Kelantan, Tok Bali di sini pada Isnin.

Menurutnya, bot-bot tersebut cuba melarikan diri menuju ke sempadan perairan Thailand namun berjaya dipintas dan ditahan di kedudukan lebih kurang tiga batu nautika daripada sempadan perairan Thailand.

Beliau berkata, pemeriksaan ke atas

bot pertama yang ditahan pada jam 5.07 petang mendapati bot dikendalikan lima kru termasuk tekong manakala bot kedua ditahan pada jam 5.35 petang dikendalikan empat kru termasuk tekong.

Katanya, kesemua sembilan kru termasuk dua tekong merupakan warga Vietnam berumur 24 hingga 53 tahun.

Syed Nor Adli berkata, pemeriksaan mendapati tiada sebarang hasil laut ditemukan di atas kedua-dua bot tersebut.

“Siasatan awal mendapati kedua-dua bot dipercayai baharu sahaja masuk ke perairan negara dan belum sempat melakukan kegiatan menanggung gamat.

“Pemeriksaan juga mendapati kedua-dua bot tidak memiliki permit untuk menangkap ikan di bawah Akta Perikanan 1985,” katanya.

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Dept to plant 60 anti-trawling artificial reefs in Tg Sirik waters off Pulau Brait



Abdullah (front, third left) and Bohari on his right join others in a group photo, arranged after the launch of the anti-trawling artificial reefs deployment into Tanjung Sirik waters. — Photo by Ukas

SIBU (Sept 28): The Fisheries Department would deploy 60 additional units of anti-trawling artificial reefs into the Tanjung Sirik waters off Pulau Brait in Daro.

According to Assistant Minister in Chief Minister's Department – Corporate Affairs and Sarawak Public Communications Unit (Ukas) Abdullah Saidol, these artificial reefs would supplement the 50 units planted back in 2019 off Pulau Brait, which is the largest fishing settlement in the state's central zone.

He said this latest undertaking took about four months to reach completion.

“The whole project did face a slight delay due to Covid-19. Our thanks to the Fisheries Department for ensuring smooth deployment of the artificial reefs in Tanjung Sirik.

“We appreciate this initiative, which was funded using a RM20-million allocation from the federal government.

“The cost to deploy 60 units of artificial reefs into Tanjung Sirik was about RM890,000,” he told reporters when met after the launch of the artificial reefs yesterday.

It is informed that the artificial reefs deployed under this latest project, supervised by the Fisheries Department of Sarawak and Public Works Department (JKR) Sarawak, are larger than those commissioned by Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC).

Adding on, Abdullah said the reef ball deployment project, costing an overall RM70 million, was kicked off in 2018 and should reach completion within this year.

“Up to now, the SFC has successfully deployed 600 units of artificial reefs in Belawai-Paloh waters, 600 units in Lawas waters, 1,200 units in Igan-Mukah waters, 1,200 units in Muara Tebas-Sebuyau waters, 660 units in Pulau Bruit-Igan waters, and 1,100 in Sampadi-Tanjung Datu waters.

“These areas, as a whole, are touted as housing the longest artificial reef ball project in the world,” he said.

Meanwhile, Fisheries Department Sarawak director Bohari Leng said the artificial reefs would serve to prevent the encroachment of fishing trawlers into the local waters, apart from becoming new habitats for fish and other marine life; thus, increasing the resources of coastal fisheries.

“Also, the project would increase the number of coastal fishermen.

“The department also supports the development of recreational fishing because large and small fish colonies are usually found in and around areas where the reefs are.

“Additionally, turning these reefs into recreational fishing spots would provide a stable growing area for corals,” he added.