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## Nelayan Vietnam curi 15 tan hasil laut negara diberkas

**PETALING JAYA** – Tindakan seramai 18 orang nelayan warga Vietnam menceroboh perairan negara serta ‘mencuri’ hasil laut akhirnya membawa padah apabila bot yang dinaiki mereka ditahan Maritim Malaysia (APMM) Zon Maritim Bintulu kelmarin.

Vesel atau bot yang dinaiki kumpulan nelayan berkenaan ditahan kira-kira pukul 10 pagi pada kedudukan 132 batu nautika dari barat laut Kuala Keme-na, Bintulu, Sarawak.

Pemangku Pengarah Zon Maritim Bintulu, Komander Maritim Effendy Mohamed Fadil berkata, Kapal Maritim (KM) Tabah telah mengesan sebuah vesel mencurigakan se-dang leka menjalankan aktiviti menangkap ikan.

Katanya, berdasarkan bentuk serta struktur fizikal ia disyaki bot nelayan asing Viet-nam.

“Setelah dirapati oleh KM Tabah, kru vesel tersebut enggan memberikan kerjasama dan bertindak agresif dengan meletakkan pelbagai halangan di atas lantai vesel bagi menghalang ka-pal ditahan untuk diperiksa.

“Tekong bertindak meng-e-mudi vesel secara agresif de-



SEBAHAGIAN nelayan warga Vietnam yang ditahan kerana menceroboh perairan Bintulu, Sarawak kelmarin.

ngan cuba lolos ke perairan antarabangsa, namun terus dikejar oleh KM Tabah dan pihak APMM mengambil masa hampir dua jam untuk memintas dan menahan vesel tersebut,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Effendy berkata, pemeriksaan lanjut mendapat vesel tersebut tidak memiliki sebarang dokumen

serta lesen dari Ketua Pengarah Perikanan Malaysia untuk melakukan sebarang aktiviti menangkap ikan di perairan negara.

Jelasnya, 18 kru termasuk tekong warga Vietnam berumur dalam lingkungan 20 ta-hun hingga 46 tahun telah gagal mengemukakan sebarang doku-men pengenalan diri yang sah ketika diperiksa.

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#### ILLEGAL FISHING

## MMEA seizes boat, nabs 18 Vietnamese crew

**KUCHING:** The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) seized a Vietnamese fishing vessel with 18 crew members for illegally fishing in Malaysian waters on Monday.

The ship and crew were apprehended 132 nautical miles northwest of Kuala Kemenyai, Bintulu, around 10am.

Bintulu MMEA acting director Maritime Commander Effendi Mohamed Fadill said KM *Tabah* was on a routine patrol when it spotted the foreign fishing boat.

He said the crew of the foreign boat acted aggressively and refused to cooperate when KM *Tabah* approached them.

"They placed various objects (obstacles) on the deck of their vessel to prevent the ship from being detained. Meanwhile, the skipper tried to escape by speeding (the boat) towards international waters," he said.

"It took us about two hours to intercept and detain the vessel," he said yesterday.

"The skipper and crew members, aged between 20 and 46, failed to produce any valid document, permit or licence from the Fisheries Department to fish in Malaysian waters."

Effendi said the crew had been detained to assist investigations. He said MMEA seized fishing

equipment, 2,000 litres of diesel and 15 tonnes of fish, valued about RM1 million.

He said the case would be investigated under the Fisheries Act 1985, for fishing in Malaysian waters without a permit, and the Immigration Act 1959/63 for failing to produce any identification.

If convicted, the skipper can be fined up to RM6 million, while the crew members can be fined up to RM600,000 each and the vessel can be forfeited to the Malaysian government.

All crew members were tested for Covid-19 upon arrival at the jetty as a precaution.



The fishing boat that the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency seized with 18 Vietnamese crew members on Monday in waters off Bintulu. PIC COURTESY OF MMEA

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## Nelayan Vietnam kaut hasil RM1 juta kena tangkap



**Bintulu:** Nelayan Vietnam yang mengutip 15 tan hasil ikan bernilai RM1 juta di perairan negara ditahan pasukan Agensi Penguatkuasaan Maritim Malaysia (APMM), dekat sini, pagi kelmarin.

Pemangku Pengarah Zon APMM Bintulu Komander Maritim Effendy Mohamed Fadil dalam kenyataannya semalam berkata, kegiatan

mereka itu dikesan pasukan APMM yang meronda perairan negara jam 10 pagi.

Menurutnya, pasukan APMM mengesan kehadiran kapal nelayan yang berada dalam keadaan mencurigakan pada kedudukan 132 batu nautika dari barat laut muar Sungai Kemena di sini.

"Sebaik menghampiri kapal nelayan terbatit, ia cuba meloloskan diri menghalau

ke perairan luar negara sebelum dikejar Kapal Maritim Tabah dan berjaya memintasnya dalam masa dua jam," katanya.

Menurutnya, pasukan APMM menjalankan pemeriksaan terhadap kapal terbatit dan mendapati kesemua 18 kru termasuk tekong

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kapal berusia 20 hingga 46 tahun tidak memiliki sebarang dokumen pengenalan diri yang sah.

Katanya, penggeledahan di kapal terbatit menemui hasil laut dianggarkan seberat 15 tan.

"Hasil semakan dijalankan mendapati kapal terbatit tidak memiliki sebarang dokumen serta lesen daripada Ketua Pengarah Perikanan Malaysia untuk melakukan sebarang aktiviti menangkap ikan di perairan negara," katanya.

Menurutnya, kapal terbatit termasuk tekong dan kru kapal diiringi menuju ke Pusat Tahanan Vesel Zon Maritim Bintulu untuk tinjakan lanjut.

Katanya, peralatan menangkap ikan, bekalan diesel sebanyak 2,000 liter serta hasil tangkapan ikan 15 tan turut dirampas.

"Kes disiasat mengikut Akta Perikanan 1985 kerana menjalankan aktiviti perikanan di perairan negara tanpa kebenaran yang sah dan Akta Imigrasi 1959/63 kerana gagal mengumukakan dokumen pengenalan diri," katanya.

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## Biofloc taruhan usaha Naim

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**BACHOK:** Keberanian Muhammad Naim Saa'ri, 32, mengambil risiko menterak udang putih menggunakan kaedah dipanggil *biofloc* berbaloi kerana dia kini mendapat pulangan lumayan dengan pendapatan mencecah lima angka sebulan.

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Malah katanya, setakat ini, dia menjadi penterak udang putih pertama menggunakan kaedah tersebut di Kelantan yang bukan sahaja menjimatkan masa, malah jauh lebih mesra alam berbanding kaedah konvensional.

"Saya mula mengusahakan ternakan ini Jun lalu. Saya perlu menyedut air laut dengan jarak kira-kira 15 meter untuk disalurkan ke setiap tangki ternakan di ladang ternakan seluas 0.28 hektar yang saya sewa dengan bayaran RM5,000 setahun.



MUHAMMAD Naim Saa'ri menunjukkan udang putih yang diternak di Kampung Tok Kederat, Kandis, Bachok.  
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"Alhamdulillah dalam masa empat bulan, saya sudah ada 23 tangki ternakan, dengan jumlah pengeluaran mencecah 150,000 ekor udang putih untuk satu kitaran," kata pemuda lulusan Diploma Pengurusan Perniagaan dari Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Machang itu.

Muhammad Naim berkata, pada peringkat awal, dia bermodalkan RM2,000 untuk menterak 50,000 benih udang putih yang diisikan di dalam lima

tangki khas, namun 25 peratus daripada udang tersebut mati disebabkan tahap kemasinan air laut yang tidak sesuai.

Kegagalan itu tidak mematahkan semangat apabila dia terus gigih mempelajari pelbagai teknik perternakan berkaitan kaedah *biofloc* menerusi YouTube, selain mendapat khidmat nasihat Jabatan Perikanan serta penterak berpengalaman.

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mancing ini akhirnya membiak dengan banyak. Saya kini mempunyai pembeli tetap terdiri daripada kaki pancing sekitar daerah ini, Pasir Puteh, Kota Bharu dan Tumpat.

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# Equal status for Sabah, S'wak

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Special Council on Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MKMAG3) agreed to the proposed amendments to Article 1 (2) and Article 30(2) of the Federal Constitution that would return Sabah and Sarawak back to the equal status position.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah and Sarawak Affairs) Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili said the decision was made during the three-hour MKMAG3 meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Sri Ismail Sabri Yaacob on Monday.

The amendments would redefine the meaning of Federation, he said.

The proposal was tabled by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Parliament) Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, who also heads the MKMAG3's Equal Status Working Committee, adding that the current amendment is very different from the one proposed by the Pakatan Harapan government in 2018.

The amendment would define the status of all states in Malaysia in line with the Federation of Malaya Agreement 1957 (MA63) and the position following Singapore's exit in 1965, Wan Junaidi explained.

Ongkili further added that the MKMAG3 had agreed to the proposal to table the bill in the next Parliament sitting, adding: 'The MKMAG3 will continue to discuss outstanding matters and ensure the rights of Sabahans and Sarawakians are restored.'

In addition the MKMAG3 also



Prime Minister Datuk Sri Ismail Sabri Yaacob chairing the Special Council on Malaysia Agreement 1963, while Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah and Sarawak Affairs) Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili (second right), looks on.

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Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili

agreed on empowering both the Sabah and Sarawak governments to issue licenses for deep-sea fishing.

During the meeting, Agriculture and Food Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee tabled a paper to seek approval from the MKMAG3

to empower the Fisheries Departments in Sabah to issue licenses for vessels and fishing equipment for Zone C fishing

spots, which is currently handled by the department in the federal level.

'Initially the request was put up by the Sabah Government, but the Council (MKMAG3) has approved the request and to be extended to Sarawak as well,' said Ongkili.

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# Return of equal status to Sabah, Sarawak

Special council agrees to proposed amendments to Article 1 (2) and Article 160 (2) of the Federal Constitution

**KOTA KINABALU:** The Special Council on Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MKMA63) has agreed to the proposed amendments to Article 1 (2) and Article 160 (2) of the Federal Constitution that would return Sabah and Sarawak to equal status with the peninsula.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah and Sarawak Affairs), Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili said the decision was made during the nearly three-hour MKMA63 meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob Monday.

The amendments will redefine the meaning of federation, he said in a statement yesterday.

Ongkili said the proposal was tabled by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Parliament), Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, who also heads the MKMA63's Equal Status Working Committee, adding that the current proposed amendments were very different from the ones proposed by the Pakatan Harapan government in 2018.

He further said that the MKMA63 had agreed to the proposed amendments to be tabled during the next Parliament sitting.

"The MKMA63 will continue to discuss outstanding matters and ensure the rights of Sabahans and Sarawakians are restored," he added.

In the same statement, Wan Junaidi explained that the amendments would define the status of all states in Malaysia in line with the Federation of Malaya Agreement 1957, MA63 and the position following Singapore's exit in 1965.

Meanwhile, Ongkili said the MKMA63 also agreed on



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empowering both the Sabah and Sarawak governments to issue licences for deep-sea fishing.

During the meeting Agriculture and Food Industries Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee tabled a paper to seek approval from the MKMA63 to empower the Sabah Fisheries Department to issue licences for vessels and fishing equipment for Zon C fishing spots currently handled at the federal level.

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# Vietnamese vessel detained for encroachment, illegal fishing

**BINTULU:** A Vietnamese fishing vessel carrying about 15 metric tonnes of fish was detained by Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) personnel off Kuala Keneba here for encroachment and illegal fishing.

MMEA Bintulu acting director Effendy Mohamed Fadil said the vessel with 18 crew members on board was intercepted around 10am Monday some 132 nautical miles northwest of Kuala Keneba.

"An MMEA vessel, KM Tabah, was on routine patrol in the area where the foreign fishing boat was carrying out illegal fishing activities. After being approached by KM Tabah, the fishermen refused to cooperate and began placing various obstacles around their boat to prevent MMEA personnel from carrying out an inspection," he said in a statement yesterday.

Effendy said the fishing boat skipper had even tried to escape into international waters but was pursued by MMEA personnel and eventually intercepted.

A subsequent inspection of the boat found it did not have any documents or licence from the Fisheries Department to carry out fishing activities in Malaysian waters.

The 18 crew members including the skipper, aged between 20 and 46, all failed to produce any valid identification documents. They were detained and brought to the Bintulu Maritime Zone



MMEA photo shows the foreign fishermen following their capture.

Vessel Detention Centre for further investigation," he added. Also seized by MMEA were fishing equipment, 2,000 litres of diesel and the catch, all valued at about RM1 million in total. Effendy said the case will be investigated under the Fisheries

Act 1985 and Immigration Act 1959/63.

"If convicted, the skipper can be fined up to RM6 million, while the crew members can be fined up to RM600,000 each and the vessel can be forfeited to the Malaysian government," he said.

He added that information on suspicious activities at sea can be channelled to the Bintulu Maritime Zone Maritime Operations Centre (086-314254), Sarawak Maritime Operations Centre (082-432544), or MERS 999 which operates 24 hours.

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# Equal status push begins

Bill to empower Sabah and S'wak to be tabled in Parliament

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**KOTA KINABALU:** A Bill to return Sabah and Sarawak to equal status position in the Federal Constitution will be tabled in the next Parliament meeting.

The first reading of the Bill is expected to be next Monday.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah and Sarawak Affairs) Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili said the Bill was different from the one tabled during the Pakatan Harapan administration in 2018.

He said this decision was made following a Special Council on Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MKMA63) meeting on a proposal to

amend Articles 1(2) and 160(2) of the Federal Constitution to return Sabah and Sarawak to equal status position.

"The amendments would redefine the meaning of Federation," he said in a statement yesterday.

Also named in the statement were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Parliament) Dato' Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar and Agriculture and Food Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee.

The proposal was tabled by Wan Junaidi, who also heads the MKMA63's Equal Status Working Committee.

The amendment would define the status of all states in Malaysia in line with the Federation of Malaya

Agreement 1957, MAG3 and the position following Singapore's exit in 1963," said Wan Junaidi.

The MKMA63, said Ongkili, had agreed to the proposal to table the Bill in the next Parliament meeting while continuing to discuss outstanding matters in ensuring that the rights of Sabahans and Sarawakians be restored.

The MKMA63 also agreed on the rights of both state governments to issue licences for deep-sea fishing.

The statement said Kiandee had tabled a paper during the meeting to seek approval from the MKMA63 to empower the Fisheries Departments in Sabah to issue licences for vessels and fishing equipment for Zone C fishing spots, which is currently handled by the

federal department.

"Initially, the request was put forth by the Sabah government, but the council (MKMA63) approved the request and it is to be extended to Sarawak as well," said Ongkili.

In April 2019, a Bill to amend Article 1(2) of the Federal Constitution, which, among others, was aimed at respecting Sabah and Sarawak's status as equal partners in the federation of Malaysia was tabled in Parliament.

However, it did not get through表决, which saw 138 MPs supporting the amendment while 59 others abstained. Nobody rejected the bill.

Such a Bill would require more than two-thirds of the 222 MPs to give their backing.



**Constant battle:** Villagers whose houses have been hit by mud flow caused by heavy rains, like this home in Penampang, are having a hard time clearing out the debris as continuous downpours hamper their efforts.