

Curfew in ESSZONE, Right Action: Prof. Dr. Kamarulzaman

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THURSDAY, 05 MARCH – Curfew in the Eastern Sabah Security Zone (ESSZone) is the right action as one of the efforts to prevent another incident in 2013, Tanduon invasion, from recurring.

According to the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage lecturer, Professor Dr. Kamarulzaman

Askandar, the curfew can be seen as a prevention of smuggling activities from the neighbouring

countries, since the surveillance now is more thorough and effective especially during the curfew time.

“The vast ocean making it hard to monitor immigrant entering our borders, especially since this area, Eastern Sabah geography, have lots of small islands.

“After the curfew was introduced, the national security team are able to control our territories and borders and also successfully controlling smuggling activities, illegal immigrant and even another invasion attempt,” he said while interviewed by TV3 journalist in remembrance of the bloody incident, two years ago.

Prof. Kamarulzaman, an expert in the conflict and peace-making areas also informed that the Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) efforts during these two years are very effective.

“We have seen how ESSCOM hard work through their operation and integrated efforts in these two years, ensuring no invasion happen again,” he said. Prof. Kamarulzaman was also involved in the peace process between the Philippines Government and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

The Sulu militant invasion in 2013 was one of Malaysia darkest time; 10 Malaysian soldiers were killed during the incident. -SS (JA)

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