

UMS to Study Sabah Waters

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MONDAY, 30 DECEMBER – Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the Malaysian Public Security Institute (IPSOM) will collaborate in a safety-related study pertaining to security on the waters of Sabah.

UMS Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah in a press conference said the collaboration will cover the vast waters of Sabah, starting from Kudat to Semporna.

“Sabah is exposed to various threats such as arms smuggling, human and drug trafficking. With UMS’ expertise in the areas of safety, this collaboration would surely have an impact on national security and defence. This is a positive development not only for academics but also to the safety enforcement agency, especially IPSOM which is still in its infancy,” he said.

He added that UMS today held a meeting to discuss on Water Security Research Collaboration with IPSOM and safety enforcement agencies such as the Police (PDRM), Royal Malaysian Navy (TLDM), Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (APMM), Sabah Ports Authority (LPPS) and others to discuss initial research cooperation which would be carried out soon.

“The initial step is through social research involving a survey on the local community which is expected to take between 3 and 6 months. The meeting today is to refine the questionnaires to be distributed in certain areas,” he stated.

The meeting was chaired by the Chief Executive of IPSOM, Dato’ Dr. Hj. Abd. Rahman Hj. Ismail. - *MA*

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