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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Natural Disaster Research Centre (NDRC) will be organising a Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) programme on June 4 in Kundasang, aimed at strengthening community resilience against earthquakes and landslides.

The event will be held at Dewan D'izz Homestay and is a strategic collaboration between the National Disaster Management Agency (Nadma), the Prime Minister's Department, and the Ranau District Office through the Ranau District Disaster Management Committee (JPBD).

UMS NDRC director Associate Professor Dr Carolyn Melissa Payus said the initiative brings together various technical and security agencies, including the Department of Minerals and Geoscience Malaysia (JMG), Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), Malaysia Civil Defence Force (APM), Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia (JBPM), National Defence University of Malaysia (UPNM), as well as local non-governmental organisations (NGOs) such as the Ranau Four Wheel Drive Association (RFWDA) and the Mesilou Volunteer Club (Mevoc).

She said the CBDRM approach aims to build communities that are more resilient, responsive and better prepared for disasters through strengthened knowledge, skills and effective mitigation measures.

"Through this approach, communities will gain a clearer understanding of disaster risks in their areas and be better equipped to respond before, during and after disasters," she said.

Participants will attend briefing sessions covering the roles of relevant agencies, landslide risks in Sabah, fault movement zones, and earthquake threats in

Promotional poster for the Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) programme in Kundasang.

Kundasang and Ranau.

They will also take part in earthquake simulation exercises, landslide risk mapping, basic first aid training and victim management in disaster zones, conducted by relevant agencies.

Carolyn said these activities provide participants with direct engagement with agency representatives and NGOs, improving coordination and understanding of disaster response roles.

She added that the programme aligns with efforts to expand disaster preparedness culture at community level and supports the national agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction (DDR).

To encourage wider participation, educational activities for children will also be held, including colouring competitions, animation screenings and interactive learning sessions related to safety and disaster management.