

# Tsunami sirens needed in Tawau

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**TAWAU:** More tsunami early warning sirens must be installed here as the district is exposed to tsunami risk, said Prof Dr Felix Tongkul.

Dr Felix who is the Director of the Natural Disasters Research of Faculty of Science and Natural Resources of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) said with additional sirens, the residents could be alerted early to evacuate to safe areas in the event of an impending tsunami.

Dr Felix said the current siren installed here is inadequate to give early warning especially to

coastal residents living quite far from its location.

And, he also stressed the need to heighten tsunami risk awareness among the people.

“They tend to think it will not happen but the reality is that it can happen today or tomorrow,” he said when met at a Public Education on Natural Disasters - Earthquakes and Tsunami programme here yesterday.

Dr Felix also said no one could predict when a tsunami would occur and as such, it was imperative to always be in a state of preparedness to save themselves in the event of a tsunami.



Dr Felix