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MEDIA STATEMENT

NO SPACE FOR ENCROACHMENT OF FOREIGN FISHING TRAWLERS

PUTRAJAYA, 9 February – Malaysia Coast Guard are improving its enforcement on encroachment of foreign fishing trawlers in the latest operation conducted on the 25th January 2018, by the Maritime District 12 Bintulu. A total of eight Vietnamese fishermen were detained through 'Ops Permai'.

During the Operation, Malaysia Coast Guard detained a Vietnamese trawler with registration number TH 99355 TS with seven crews and a skipper for encroaching Malaysian waters. The trawler was caught fishing illegally at 152 nautical miles of Bintulu Port, Sarawak.

Initial investigation found all the crews on board, aged 25 and 50 years old did not possess valid identification and written permission from the Department of Fisheries to conduct fishing activities.

All suspects and trawlers were sent to Bintulu Port 2, for further investigations and the case is being investigated under Section 15 (1) (a) of the Fisheries Act 1985.

Meanwhile, KM Langkawi detained two trawlers with 20 anglers in the South China Sea while on their routine patrol.

The first trawler registered under KG 944427 was detained at 62 nautical miles from Kemaman at around 3.50pm. The boat carried 15 anglers aged between 16 and 48 years old who failed to produce valid identification and fishery license in Malaysian waters.

About 15 minutes later, Malaysia Coast Guard's patrol boat inspected a local fishing trawler with the registration of PAF 4937 around 63 nautical miles from Kemaman. During the inspection, two of five crews did not possess valid identification and had suspicious boat license. The crews aged 21 to 36 years old were detained for further investigation.

Both trawlers were towed to the Kemaman Maritime Base and the case is being investigated under the Fisheries Act 1985.

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