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MMEA TO INCREASE PATROLLING

LANGKAWI, 2nd April - Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) in the Northern Region are increasing their patrols in the Malacca Straits and Andaman Sea especially near Langkawi after reports saying the Rohingyas are fleeing their country in boats heading towards Malaysia.

Northern Region Director, Maritime First Admiral Haji Rozali Bin Mohd Said said, “ Maritime patrol boats are increasing their surveillance immediately after receiving initial report yesterday evening on the potential exodus of Rohingyas. However until today, there are no signs of them approaching our waters yet.”

He added, “At the moment, 2 vessels and 4 boats have been deployed and are currently at the Northern Region.”

The public are requested to share any information with MMEA through the 24 hour line MERS 999 or the Northern Region Maritime Operation Centre Langkawi 04-9662750.

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