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Jangan sentuh obor-obor api

Nelayan dinasihat tidak pegang hidupan air beracun itu jika tersangkut pada pukat

Oleh NORAWAZNI YUSOF

KUANTAN

Golongan nelayan di negeri ini dinasihatkan supaya tidak memegang obor-obor api atau *Portuguese Man O War* jika hidupan air itu tersangkut pada pukat.

Pengarah Jabatan Perikanan Pahang, Datuk Azahari berkata, racun yang terdapat pada obor-obor tersebut amat berbahaya kerana boleh menyebabkan kecederaan dan kematian.

Menurutnya, hidupan air itu kebiasaannya mendiami Lautan Pasifik tetapi kini obor-obor bersaiz kecil dan beracun itu kini ditemui di perairan negara sehingga menimbulkan kebimbangan semua pihak.

"Kita minta nelayan yang melihat atau menjumpai obor-obor api tersebut segera hubungi pejabat perikanan daerah untuk tujuan siasatan.

"Apabila terdapat maklumat mengenai kewujudan obor-obor api itu, hebahan dapat dilakukan sebagai peringatan kepada orang ramai termasuk-mereka

yang terlibat dengan aktiviti di pantai atau di laut," katanya ketika dihubungi *Sinar Harian* di sini semalam.

Azahari berkata, antara ciri obor-obor api itu sebahagian badannya berwarna biru dan mempunyai beribu sel penyengat.

"Sengatannya boleh menyebabkan mangsa rasa sakit kepanasan hingga kulit seperti terbakar. Justeru, kita ingatkan orang ramai supaya berhati-hati dan mengelak daripada menyentuh hidupan itu jika terjumpa," katanya.

Beliau berkata, orang ramai dinasihatkan agar tidak menyentuh haiwan itu walaupun ditemui dalam keadaan mati kerana racunnya masih ada dan aktif jika tersentuh.

Azahari turut menasihatkan pengunjung pantai di negeri ini dan individu yang melakukan aktiviti menangkap ikan di kawasan pantai supaya lebih berhati-hati bagi mengelak terkena obor-obor api yang mungkin muncul tanpa disedari.

"Racun yang terdapat pada obor-obor api ini begitu berbahaya. Sekiranya haiwan itu ada di

temui di mana-mana kawasan pantai, elakkan daripada melakukan aktiviti di kawasan itu termasuk mandi-manda.

"Obor-obor api ini dilaporkan ditemui di Terengganu dan Johor sebelum ini dan tidak mustahil ia turut muncul di perairan negeri ini," katanya.

Beliau berkata, pantai Pulau Tioman mungkin terdedah dengan kehadiran obor-obor api terutama selepas hidupan air masin itu ditemui di perairan Johor bulan lalu.

Katanya, faktor air laut yang berarus kencang membolehkan hidupan air terbabit sampai pada bila-bila masa di kawasan perairan negeri ini.

Azahari menambah, agensi pelancongan juga perlu peka dalam isu tersebut dengan mengawasi sebarang aktiviti di laut termasuk memantau aktiviti selaman dan mandi-manda dalam kalangan pelancong.

Amaran bahaya obor-obor api yang dikongsi pengguna laman sosial Facebook.



AZAHARI



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Be serious in stamping out fish bombing – Hajiji

KOTA KINABALU: The State Government must come up with more serious measures to stamp out fish bombing activity within Sabah waters, said Sabah Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) chief Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Hajiji Haji Noor.

He said the security authorities and Fisheries Department also need to double the enforcement of existing laws on this.

"We need to increase the effort to stamp out fish bombing activity which is becoming quite rampant in Sabah.

"This is because this activity is not only threatening and destroying the fish source and coral reefs, but also endangering the life of tourists, especially those going for scuba diving in the coral reef areas," he said.

Hajiji said this when commenting on former Chief Justice of Malaysia, Tan Sri Richard Malanjum, who ticked off a Sabah Cabinet minister for making lightly of the serious fish bombing problem plaguing Sabah by saying that those involved were just children.

According to Richard, "Fish



Hajiji

bombing is still going around. Two weeks ago, at one of the islands, a minister said 'oh, all these are done by kids'.

"Kids? They were still holding a bomb, so, kids can do bombing now! You can see the lame excuses given by the authority."

"It's very, very sad. We need to wake up. Bombs in the hands of kids are still bombs," Richard reportedly said in disbelief at the reasoning given on the

matter at a session at the Borneo Colloquium on Environmental Justice 2020 at Hyatt Regency here on Feb 15.

Hajiji, who is also Sulaman assemblyman, said he had raised the fish bombing issue at the Sabah State Legislative Assembly sitting on November 19 last year.

According to him, the activity is so worrying because not only that the fish bombs can kill the fish, big and small, but will also damage the coral reefs and all the natural beauties and plants at the bottom of the sea within the State waters.

"On July 5, 2019, two divers from China and their diving instructor, a local, were killed in waters off Pulau Kalapuan in Semporna, showing how rampant the use of fish bombs is.

According a report by the WWF-Malaysia, the seven seismic detectors installed within the district of Semporna alone recorded 1,195 blasts from June to December of 2018.

"There were also 24 cases of arrests made on the use of fish bombs in 2018 and 39 cases of arrests made as of end of last

year. This is very worrying to us.

"Therefore I urge the government to take stern action to curb this irresponsible acts," he said while debating on the Sabah State Budget 2020 then.

Hajiji said the reproach made by Richard should be served as a lesson for all parties, while stressing that effort need to be made through awareness programme that involves the local community leaders.

He said local community leaders in areas where there are frequent fish bombing activities need to be called in and given explanation and education on how important is shared roles and responsibilities in looking after the marine resources and stamping out the negative activity.

He also hoped the government will intensify the effort to catch and send home illegal immigrants in the State.

"Stern legal action must be enforced on the illegal immigrants for the benefit, security and future of the people and the State of Sabah," he stressed.

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Maqis Perlis tahan bot dari Thailand



Udang yang dirampas di pelantar import eksport Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia, Kuala Perlis kelmarin.



Maqis turut merampas ikan tamban di pelantar import eksport Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia, Kuala Perlis kelmarin.

KUALA PERLIS - Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia (Maqis) telah menahan sebuah bot dari Thailand di pelantar import eksport Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia, Kuala Perlis kelmarin.

Pengarah Maqis Perlis, Mohamad Arshad Raffin berkata, penahanan terbabit dilakukan susulan bot tersebut didapati membawa ikan basah jenis tamban dan udang basah yang tidak diisytiharkan.

Katanya, kesemua hasil ikan dan udang tersebut dianggarkan seberat 100 kilogram dengan anggaran nilai RM1,050.

“Pihak kita telah menahan kesemua dagangan tersebut untuk tindakan selanjutnya,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Menurut Mohamad Arshad, kes

berkenaan disiasat mengikut Seksyen 13 Akta Perkhidmatan Kuarantin Dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia 2011 (Akta 728).

“Jika disabitkan kesalahan, pelaku boleh didenda tidak melebihi RM50,000 atau dipenjarakan selama tempoh tidak melebihi dua tahun atau kedua-duanya sekali.

“Bagi kesalahan kali kedua atau berikutnya, pelaku akan didenda tidak melebihi RM75,000 atau dipenjarakan selama tempoh tidak melebihi lima tahun atau kedua-duanya sekali,” katanya.

Mohamad Arshad berkata, pihak Maqis sentiasa melakukan pemeriksaan dan bersedia sedia terhadap setiap dagangan sama ada perikanan, pertanian dan produk veterinar yang diimport ke dalam negara untuk memastikan setiap dagangan mematuhi syarat dan peraturan yang telah ditetapkan.

Rezeki nelayan pantai terjejas

Kerajaan bela pemaju projek mewah



Mejar (B) Mansor Zakaria meninjau pantai yang ditambak.

Oleh SARINA ISMAIL

KUALA KEDAH: Penambakan laut bagi mendirikan apartmen mewah menyebabkan aktiviti nelayan pantai tidak dapat lagi dijalankan.

Projek Aman Laut yang merupakan projek mega diteruskan kerajaan Pakatan Harapan (PH) Kedah sehingga menjejaskan punca rezeki nelayan.

Pengerusi Lajnah Asas Tani dan Alam Sekitar PAS Kedah, Mejar (B) Mansor Zakaria berkata, pendapatan mereka terjejas teruk kerana laut ditambak bagi mendirikan projek mewah.

Katanya rezeki tepi pantai seperti siput, meritarang dan lain-lain sudah hilang kerana laut ditambak.

“Nelayan pantai juga

berhadapan dengan bot-bot pukat tunda yang turut menangkap ikan di perairan pantai,” katanya selepas meninjau lokasi terbabit baru-baru ini.

Projek Aman Laut sebelum ini ditentang penduduk tempatan dan parti-parti komponen PH.

Malah beberapa siri demonstrasi diadakan penduduk bagi menyuarakan bantahan terhadap kerajaan Barisan Nasional (BN) yang menerajui Kedah ketika itu.

Baru-baru ini Menteri Besar Dato’ Seri Mukhriz Mahathir mengumumkan projek tersebut bakal siap dalam tempoh 10 tahun akan mengandungi 1,100 unit rumah dijual pada harga sehingga RM274,000.

Manakala 1,918 unit

lagi akan dijual pada harga RM250,000.

Mansor yang juga Adun Kuala Ketil berkata, penduduk Kampung Tepi Laut meluahkan rasa terkilan kerana permohonan mereka mendapatkan geran atau tol di tanah itu tidak diluluskan.

“Sebaliknya kerajaan negeri meluluskan tanah kepada pemaju projek tersebut.

“Nasib siapakah yang sebenarnya dibela kerajaan negeri. Kita tidak membantah pembangunan tetapi biarlah ia membawa keuntungan kepada rakyat,” ujar beliau.

Menurutnya juga subsidi RM250 sebulan yang perolehi nelayan hanya mampu menampung kos minyak untuk kawasan berdekatan sahaja.

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Fishermen say development affecting catch

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GELANG PATAH: Life is getting harder for many coastal fishermen as their catch is dwindling due to development in south of Johor in recent years.

Fisherman Safiee Mohammad, 44, from Kampung Pendas Baru said before the land reclamation activities, he could easily catch 20kg of flower crabs.

"If I am lucky, I get about 2kg of crabs now or else I come back empty handed after spending about four hours at sea," he lamented.

Safiee said the mangrove swamps, a natural breeding ground for mud crabs and mangrove snails along the coast had also been cleared and led to a decline in catch.

Fellow fisherman Tan Yong Lai, 54, said he could get about RM600 a day for his catch back in 2010, before the coastal areas were reclaimed for development projects.

"Now, the catch has come down to almost RM300 and the situation is getting worse with lesser catch day by day for the past three years," he said.



Zaharin: Land reclamation projects along the shoreline has affected our livelihood.

Tan (left) and Safiee are both feeling the effects of land reclamation, with their catch decreasing.

Tan said just like the 30-odd fishermen in the village, he had no choice but to continue going out to sea to fish as he has been doing so for almost 34 years.

He said the land reclamation activities in the area had also caused the water quality in Sungai Pendas, which flows into the sea, to

turn brackish.

Zaharin Sabtu, 52, said the on-going sand digging activities on the Singapore side resulted in sediments to flow to the nearby Pulau Merambong on Malaysian waters.

He added that large-scale land reclamation projects along the

shoreline has affected the fishermen's livelihood as the fishing zones for them have shrunk.

"We hope the federal and state governments could look into our plight.

"We badly need their assistance to improve our livelihood," said Zaharin.

Johor South Fishermen Association chairman Azli Mohd Aziz, 56, hoped the government would support their proposal to diversify to improve the fishing sector in south Johor.

He said the association proposed to the Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry to organise courses for the fishermen to venture into the agro-tourism sector.

"This will help them diversify and reduce their dependency on income from selling their catch," said Azli.

He said coastal fishermen needed to supplement their income as their catch was dwindling due to development projects.

There are about 2,500 coastal fishermen in south of Johor and their fishing areas within 10 nautical miles cover Tanjung Piai, Iskandar Puteri, Pulau, Johor Baru, Pasir Gudang and Tebrau.

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STOP

dumping your dogs



Irresponsible individuals in Klang are abandoning their pets on the streets where they become a public nuisance. Sadly, most strays caught by the local council are euthanised. >2



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Klang's growing dog woes

Local council deals with 15,000 strays due to irresponsible ownership and neglect

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TOO many abandoned dogs of all sizes roam the streets in Klang.

This is because some dog owners, after having cared for the animals for a certain period, had to give them up due to certain circumstances, such as relocating to a smaller space or for health reasons.

Many abandoned dogs move in packs while others roam about solo on the streets, scavenging for food while rummaging through rubbish strewn behind eateries.

Some canines wait for animal lovers to feed them.

Ultimately, the dogs make the streets their home and their rapid breeding has become a serious problem for Klang Municipal Council (MPK).

Its health department director Azmi Muji said there were about 15,000 stray dogs in the municipality and on an annual average, they received 1,300 public complaints citing the dogs as a nuisance.

"It is a complicated problem. Unscrupulous pet owners abandon their sick or injured dogs because they don't want to spend money on veterinary treatment.

"Some people dump their dogs because the animals are not cute anymore once they grow older. That is cruel," he said.

StarMetro learned that some pet stores in Klang discard unsold dogs on the streets.



Azmi says dogs without tags are unlicensed and considered as strays.

A former pet shop worker said puppies do attract people to buy them but once the dogs were grown the novelty wore off and the pet shop would find it too costly and troublesome to keep the animals.

In 2018 and last year, MPK's Canine Control Unit (CCU) caught 12,035 stray dogs.

"Most of these dogs were injured, sick and had skin disease. The state government appointed a veterinarian to euthanise them.

"In 2018, the CCU caught 6,923 stray dogs where 3,608 were euthanised," he said.

Azmi added that while people were angry with the council for euthanising the dogs, the problem



A stray dog at Lorong Kopi in Pandamaran, Port Klang. MPK receives an average of 1,300 public complaints annually about stray dogs being a nuisance. — Photos: MUHAMAD SHAHRIL ROSLI/The Star

was overpopulation due to uncontrolled breeding as well as irresponsible ownership.

"Irresponsible ownership is when people keep unlicensed dogs outside their homes and feed them. "We have to seize these dogs as they will multiply.

"The animal lovers accuse MPK of being heartless," he said.

Animal therapy association Peppesitive president Anthony Thanasayan said the responsibilities of local councils did not include setting up animal shelters for stray animals, but to ensure that the streets were free of them to make it safe, disease- and nuisance free for the public.

"Life is cruel for stray dogs as they often die of disease, neglect, starvation and poisoning, or end up as road kill.

"All dogs deserve loving homes where there are people who can care for them.

"But most people do not want strays, so it is best to put them down painlessly. There is no dignity or quality of life for dogs outside

the home," he said.

Thanasayan, who was chairman of Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) and MPK canine advisory team from 2008 to 2013, said stray dogs were the result of pet owners not neutering them.

"Local councils have the unfortunate task of clearing up this mess. "MPK however, has its own dog pound and it is run according to the guidelines of the Veterinary Services Department.

"The dogs are put down by a veterinarian," he said, adding that MPK was also one of the few councils that had a rehoming programme to enable healthy strays to be adopted.

Azmi said the stray dogs brought to MPK's pound in Bandar Sultan Suleiman in Port Klang were unable to tolerate a confined area.

"They become stressed, while others have weak immunities. Some become territorial and they fight with each other.

"This is why many of them die in the pound," he said.

Azmi said in 2018, a total of 2,892

dogs in the pound died due to stress, injuries from fights and hunger as they refused to eat dry dog pellets as they were used to scraps of cooked food.

"Our approach is to round up the strays. Our staff use a loop with tube insulation and sometimes a trap cage to catch the dogs.

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"People must stop abandoning their dogs. Those who want a pet can visit the MPK pound to adopt a dog.

"Those who feed stray dogs should consider adopting the animal and obtain a licence with MPK," he said.

Council acting president Elya Marini Darmin said they had organised a pet ownership talk in December last year and hoped such awareness could reduce the number of abandoned dogs.



A pack of stray dogs roaming in an alley off Jalan Jambu Bol 2 in Taman Gembira, Klang.

Animal lovers urged to adopt dog from shelter

ANIMAL lovers who want to own a dog can look into adopting a furry friend by contacting the Klang Municipal Council (MPK) Canine Control Unit (CCU).

This is to ensure that the dogs there are not put down.

MPK health department director Azmi Muji said the council had dogs of all ages that were captured from the streets following public complaints.

He said their trained veterinarian conducted checks on all stray dogs brought to the temporary shelter in Bandar Sultan Suleiman, Port Klang.

Healthy dogs are given a time period of seven days to enable people to adopt them, failing which the council has no choice but to euthanise the dogs.

MPK's annual dog licence is RM10.

"The new dog owners must be responsible and make sure their pets have collars and the red licence tag with the current year at all times.

"The dogs must be on a leash when taken for walks outside," he said, adding that most of the stray dogs were mongrels.

"Around 400 dogs come into the pound but too few people consider adoption when looking for a pet," he said, adding that they needed to complete the adoption application and provide information on their background.

"Our officers will review the application based on whether the person or family is compatible with the dog," Azmi said.

For details, call 03-3375 5555 ext 7310.



MPK's temporary dog shelter in Bandar Sultan Suleiman in Port Klang.