



## **AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT STRENGTHENS PORT SECURITY**

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Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd (SPSB) is pleased to announce that it has received authorization to establish its port auxiliary police unit. The license which was previously awarded to Sabah Ports Authority, enables SPSB to strengthen security at the ports and grants SPSB port police a larger scope of enforcement.

Sanctioned by the Royal Malaysian Police, officers under this unit can be appointed under Section 47 of the Police Act 1967 and are empowered to carry out assignments and security control in buildings, assets and areas owned by SPSB. They are further provided the right to carry out investigations or make arrests within their area of jurisdiction.

Auxiliary police are an extension of the Royal Malaysian Police and undergo a similar training module alike the police force at the Malaysian Police Training Centre (PULAPOL).

SPSB employs over 300 officers under its port police department to provide security coverage for its 8 ports situated in Kota Kinabalu, Kudat, Sapangar Bay, Sandakan, Tawau, Lahad Datu and Kunak.

An empowered police force is critical in order for SPSB to safeguard the seaports thus a broader remit for enforcement is necessary to protect port assets from any threats and ensure operational continuity at all times. SPSB ports are regarded as key assets of the State and listed as strategic entities under the Malaysian National Security Council.

SPSB wishes to thank Sabah Ports Authority for working closely with SPSB in facilitating the license transfer and further relays appreciation to the Royal Malaysian Police for the important role they have played towards upgrading the skills and competency of SPSB's auxiliary police force.

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