



## **KEMA SIGNS AGREEMENT TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AT KARAMUNTING**

Members of the Karamunting Emergency Mutual Aid (KEMA) have signed a mutual understanding agreement to provide third-party support for disaster relief and emergencies at Karamunting, Sandakan. KEMA, an initiative under the Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia, is composed of industry members from the oil and gas, seaport, edible oil, and chemical sectors that utilize the Karamunting Bulk Oil and Palm Oil Terminal operated by Sandakan Port.

Under the agreement, organizations mutually commit to advance the quality of fire prevention and disaster control, raise the standards of teamwork and cooperation and play an enhanced role towards ensuring public safety during emergencies. KEMA's key activity includes an annual full-scale emergency drill involving the mobilization of manpower and equipment to train emergency managers and on-scene commanders in coordinating response actions.

Sandakan Port, which is operated and managed by Sabah Ports Sdn. Bhd. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Suria Capital Holdings Berhad), holds chairmanship for KEMA since 2021 and will continue until December 2023. Additionally, Sandakan Port plans to organize activities such as tabletop drills, safety talks, and awareness campaigns involving the Karamunting community and residents near Sandakan Port, all aimed at strengthening emergency response cooperation.

The signing ceremony was held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and was officiated by Tn. Wilson@Terrence Thomas, Vice President of Sandakan Municipal Council. Signatories included Sabah Ports Sdn. Bhd., Petronas Dagangan Berhad, Shell Timur, Petron, Sandakan Edible Oil Sdn. Bhd., Sabah Minyak Sdn. Bhd., Norschem (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd. and Chemical Industries Sabah Sdn. Bhd.

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