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MILITARY TO HELP POLICE CHECK ILLEGAL ENTRY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- The military will help the police in checking the entry of illegal immigrants into the country, Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar said today.

This was proposed by the police at the meeting of the National Security Council chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Thursday.

"The police agreed to give auxilliary police powers to the military and they will jointly launch operations against such illegal entries," he said after launching the ministry's civilian family day at Taman Tasik Perdana here.

Syed Hamid said the council also agreed to provide the police and the military with suitable boats for shallow water operations.

Such boats would be able to move about easily in narrow water strips, which bigger boats of the PZ type could not navigate. -- BERNAMA

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