

# M'sia, Brunei agree to no activities in incomplete joint demarcation

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**MALAYSIA** and Brunei have agreed not to undertake any activities in areas where joint demarcation and survey of the

land boundary between the two countries have yet to be completed.

According to a joint statement issued after the conclusion of the Malaysia-Brunei 22nd Annual Leaders' Consultation between Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah in Putrajaya yesterday, the leaders welcomed the positive progress made by the joint technical committee on the demarcation and survey of the land boundary.

"The two leaders congratulated both technical teams from Malaysia and Brunei for finding new ways to expedite the survey and demarcation activities, especially in the priority areas," the statement said.

The leaders looked forward to the convening of the Malaysia-Brunei Land Boundary Committee at the earliest possible, which would discuss the findings of the joint technical committee, it said.

"The leaders also expressed satisfaction at the continued progress made by Petroliaim Nasional Bhd (Petronas) and Brunei National Petroleum Co Sdn Bhd through collaboration in the commercial arrangement areas (CAA) and production sharing agreements.

"Both leaders encouraged the two organisations to continue



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**Dr Mahathir (left) and Sultan Hassanal encourage their officials to explore innovative ways to develop maritime cooperation**

working together to commercialise CAA discoveries at the earliest possible.

"They also took note of the cooperation between Petronas and the Brunei National Unitisation Secretariat under the Malaysia-Brunei Unitisation Joint Working Group on activities related to the Kinabalu West NAG and Maharajalela North Fields, and Gumusut/Kakap and Geronggong/Jagus-East fields.

"The two leaders encouraged their officials to explore innovative ways to develop maritime cooperation and welcomed the ongoing discussions between their officials in the field with a view to having a memorandum of understanding on maritime cooperation.

"They also expressed satisfaction at the continued progress in trade and investment cooperation, particularly with Sabah and Sarawak, and urged for more synergy in economic cooperation and promotion in the areas of transport and information, energy, tourism, agriculture, livestock and fisheries," the statement said.

It said Dr Mahathir and Sultan Hassanal also took note of the engagement between the relevant officials on matters related to immigration cooperation, including the Brunei-Malaysia Frequent Traveler Programme, which had eased travel between both countries and enhanced people-to-people connectivity. —

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