

**Najib Outlines Four Strategies To Step Up Surveillance In Malaysian Waters**  
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LAHAD DATU, April 13 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Saturday officially launched the Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) here and outlined four strategies to step up surveillance in the country's waters.

The prime minister said enhanced intelligence capability and effective surveillance of the waters were among the strategies that had to be emphasised to prevent encroachment of the nation's sovereignty.

He said Malaysia should also have a more effective strategy of coastal surveillance with 24-hour patrols to ensure more comprehensive surveillance and control.

"Besides, the security forces should also step up their respective capabilities to intercept any negative activity in violation of the law in the country's waters," he told reporters after the symbolic launch of the ESSCOM centre.

He also said that Malaysia should implement stricter enforcement and arrest suspected intruders before or after their landing.

Najib said the strategic and technical measures were two important elements which could reassure the people in terms of security, especially after the intrusion of Sulu militants in Lahad Datu last February.

"Fully guaranteed security and the confidence of the people to return to normal life are two very important elements which have to be addressed by the government and our security forces," he said.

He said the measures did not require a review of the immigration laws because the existing regulations were adequate to implement the outlined strategies.

"Only enforcement and the determination to enforce the laws more effectively have to be stepped up," he said.

The prime minister said the decision to set up ESSCOM was made in only 24 hours and reflected the sincerity of the government in ensuring that the safety of the people was always at its best.

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