

Najib Instructs ESSCom To Review Security System In ESSZone

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KUANTAN, July 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has asked the Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCom) to review the security system along the Eastern Sabah Security Zone (ESSZone) to be more detailed so that it cannot be penetrated by enemies.

Najib said, based on the latest intrusion on a holiday resort on Pulau Mabul, Semporna last night, it was clear there were weaknesses in the location of personnel and security planning on the ground.

"I am asking ESSCom to review their security system in detail, if there are not enough personnel, then the number has to be increased.

"For instance, in the incident at the resort yesterday, there were not enough personnel as the resort is big and this shows there are weaknesses in the location and planning of security on the ground," he said.

Speaking to reporters after attending a briefing on Pahang development at Wisma Sri Pahang here Sunday, Najib was commenting on the latest intrusion in Semporna, Sabah yesterday, resulting in the death of a marine policeman and the disappearance of another, believed to have been kidnapped.

He said new ESSCom Commander to be appointed would be responsible for the revamp of the security system to be more detailed with changes in the location of the security personnel.

At the same time, Najib described the threats which involved various groups from the southern Philippines as serious and had asked the police to take appropriate action including investigating the parties responsible for the incident yesterday.

He also did not dismiss the possibility there were others involved in the incident including local residents who helped the enemy detect the security forces and slip through security ranks during the raid.

"This is a serious threat and they have a lot of weapons and can ambush and get through our security.

"That is why they move during the night or at specific times because they get very detailed information about the movements of our forces, and this is a serious threat," he said.

In the incident at 11.10pm yesterday a Marine Operations Force personnel was killed while another has disappeared, believed to be kidnapped, when a security force team was ambushed by a group of eight armed men at a resort on Pulau Mabul, Semporna.

The policeman killed was Corporal Ab Rajah Jamuan, 32, while his colleague Constable Zakian Aleip, 26, is missing.

Najib in his twitter today also offered his condolences to the family of Cpl Ab Rajah and promised that the authorities would do their best to rescue Constable Zakian.

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