

Najib wants 'shoot on sight' SOP before granting power to security forces
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A clear Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) should be put in place before security forces are allowed to "shoot on sight" intruders encroaching into Sabah's waters, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak (pic) said today.

The Star Online in a report quoted Najib as saying that this was to ensure ground personnel had a clearer understanding of the situation under which they were allowed to fire at intruders.

In the report, Najib agreed that more aggressive measures had to be taken to address security problems in Sabah waters.

"The authorities should come up with the SOP to be approved by the government.

"The SOP must be clear to avoid untoward incidents involving the lives of innocent people," he was quoted as saying in the report.

Yesterday, the Royal Malaysian Navy had asked for security forces to be given the power to shoot on sight at any suspicious targets encroaching Sabah waters.

Navy chief Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Jaafar said this was to stop terrorists from southern Philippines from entering the country.

The navy chief urged the government to issue the orders following another intrusion at the resort in Pulau Mabul where a marine police was killed and another kidnapped on Saturday.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi endorsed the navy chief's request and gave the go-ahead to shoot when faced with intruders encroaching into Malaysian waters and deemed a threat to national security.

Zahid overrode Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail who had rejected the navy's proposal, saying that Malaysia is not a military state. – July 15, 2014.

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