

**Asean Countries Should Look Into Information Sharing To Prevent Maritime Terrorism**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 24 (Bernama) -- ASEAN countries should seriously look into having more information sharing as an effort to prevent piracy, sea robbery and maritime terrorism in the surrounding region.

Royal Thai Police Special Branch Officer, Lt Col Chuvit Chuvej stressed that information sharing on piracy, sea robbery and maritime terrorism can enhance cooperation towards curbing what has become a regional problem.

"For example, when pirates (attack) a ship, we must have coordination in monitoring the sea and to give a call or alert us (ASEAN countries).

"In this way we can easily know the information that has been given. I suggest to use this method to our community to curb sea crimes in another area," he told Bernama when met during an ASEAN Seminar on Piracy, Sea Robbery and Maritime Terrorism here today.

Officer In Charge of The Philippines Maritime Industry Authority, Arnie F. Santiago said his team practiced an on-going prevention to overcome such issues.

"We must have coordination with neighbouring countries to curb piracy and terrorism matters," he said.

Meanwhile, Chief Assistant Director Investigation Department Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency Capt Nurul Hizam Zakaria said Malaysia's good relationship with other ASEAN countries and Malaysia's fast action during such crisis can help other member countries.

"Member countries are committed to fight piracy, sea robbery and maritime terrorism," he added.

The three-day seminar which started today brought together 65 participants from all Asean member states, namely Malaysia, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

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