

M'sia Always Monitors Presence Of Foreign Military Assets In South China Sea
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 23 (Bernama) -- The government always monitors the presence of foreign military assets and personnel in the South China Sea to ensure the sovereignty and security of the country were safeguarded.

Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Abd Rahim Bakri said various initiatives had been implemented in the efforts to tackle issues concerning maritime disputes including those involving the major powers such as China in the South China Sea area.

"If there is any intrusion into areas within the country's sovereignty, suggested diplomatic protests would be submitted to the Foreign Ministry for further action," he said.

He said this during the winding up of the debate on the motion of thanks for the royal address at the Defence Ministry level at the Dewan Rakyat today.

He said that operations such as the 'Ops Sinar Sakti' and 'Ops Curiga' were also implemented to monitor the national waters.

Meanwhile, Abd Rahim said the government had taken various measures to ensure entrepreneurs involved in the National Service training program were not affected after the program had been postponed for transformation purposes.

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