

Malaysian waters still secure, says deputy minister after tanker hijacking
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The international shipping community should not be wary of threats of piracy or robberies when travelling in Malaysia waters as their security is still guarantee, says Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Mohd Johari Baharom.

He said this was because the national security assets were always on standby and there was also close cooperation from neighbouring countries such as Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam.

According to him, the close cooperation had solved cases of piracy and armed robbery against ships effectively.

"Even though Malaysia has vast waters, our assets cannot match that of China and the United States, but we are able to maintain security of our waters with the cooperation of countries in the region," he said during a press conference after the Warriors Day celebration and launch of the Sarawak Warriors Fund in Sibu today.

He was asked to comment on the incident involving MT Joaquim, laden with 3,500 metric tonnes of crude oil worth about RM2.8 million, which was reported missing on Saturday night while sailing from Tanjung Pinang to Langkawi. – Bernama, August 9, 2015.

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