

Indonesia To Pursue Maritime Crimes At AMMTC
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 29 (Bernama) -- Indonesia will focus on, among others, sea piracy and non-traditional maritime crimes during the ongoing 10th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) and its related meetings.

Indonesian National Police General (Pol) chief, Badrodin Haiti said the country would encourage the illegal unreported and unregulated fishing issues to be given indepth focus.

"Before this, we had faced the same issue with Thailand," Badrodin said on the sidelines of the AMMTC and related meetings here, when asked on issues which Indonesia intended to table at the 10th AMMTC.

The plenary session of the AMMTC began today.

On countries which Indonesia was looking forward to cooperating with, Badrodin said cooperation with every member of the 10-member grouping was crucial in addressing the problem.

The four-day AMMTC which entered its second day today, will also see the signing of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration in Combatting Transnational Crime and The Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Irregular Movement of Persons in South-East Asia.

Meanwhile, when asked on action against those responsible for the forest fires in Kalimantan and Sumatera in Indonesia, Badrodin said a total of 210 cases had been investigated, of which 40 were prosecuted.

Out of the total number prosecuted, the licence of one of the companies was withdrawn and the licence of three others frozen.

Currently, Indonesian forest fires have been blamed for the haze envelopng the region.

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