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## 'Ops Gasak' to flush out illegals

By ROZZALIN HASHIM

**SANDAKAN:** The Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) yesterday launched an operation code-named 'Ops Gasak' to flush out the remaining illegal immigrants in the squatter village of Mangkalinau.

The village is located on the outskirts of Sandakan town.

Ops Gasak was part of the continuous effort by ESSCOM to rid the Eastern Sabah Security Zone (ESSZone), including Sandakan, of illegal immigrants.

The operation, involving 300 security personnel, is conducted simultaneously with an operation by the Energy Commission against illegal wiring connection.

Also involved in the operation were the

Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB), Sandakan Municipal Council, the police, the Immigration Department, Water Supply Department and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

ESSCOM was established on April 1, 2013, following the intrusion by Sulu militants in Tandu, Lahad Datu.

ESSZONE covers 10 districts, namely Kudat, Kota Marudu, Pitas, Beluran, Sandakan, Kinabatangan, Lahad Datu, Kunak, Semporna and Tawau.

Security personnel during the operation



## DEEPEST UNDERWATER POST BOX

**PULAU LAYANG-LAYANG:** Pos Malaysia Berhad (Pos Malaysia) yesterday launched an underwater post box at Layang-Layang.

And, it has entered the Malaysia Book of Records as the deepest post box in the country at a depth of 40 metres below sea level.

The underwater post box had been on the seabed of Pulau Layang-Layang, which is located 293 kilometres northwest of Kota Kinabalu since July 25.

Deputy Minister of Communications and Multimedia Datuk Jailani Johari said the location of the post box has made it the deepest in the world beating the one in Susami, Wakayama, Japan which is only 10 metres deep and currently holding the Guinness World Records.

"This means that we have to make an application to the Guinness World Records to earn world recognition for our post box in Pulau Layang-Layang which is 40 metres deep.

"This underwater post box is our second project, after the first was launched in Mount Kinabalu as the highest altitude post box in Malaysia and this will definitely be a new tourism product and an attraction to the diving community in the country," he told Bernama and RTM after launching the underwater post box here.

Also present at the launch were Commander of Naval Region 2 of the Royal Malaysian Navy, rear admiral Datuk Khairul Anuar Yahya; chairman of Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), Datuk Halim Shafie and secretary of Maritime Sovereignty Division, Shakh Ahmad Shakhir.

Jailani said the underwater post box allowed divers at Pulau Layang-Layang to share their experience with family and friends via waterproof postcards stamped with a special postmark and logo of Malaysia Book of Records.

"The postcards from Pulau Layang-Layang can also be kept as a souvenir," he said, adding that the postcard makes an interesting collection to promote the beauty of Pulau Layang-Layang.

At the event Jailani also launched a special 88005 zip code for Pulau Layang-Layang for the convenience of tourists and people living on the island.

Avillion Layang-Layang Resort has been appointed as the postal agents on the island, he added.

Pos Malaysia's acting chief executive officer, Azlan Shahrin said two postmen would be assigned to collect the waterproof postcards from the underwater post box.

Meanwhile, Victorley Marden, 25, and Ritchie Lester Lee, 35, who



The underwater post box

have been selected as the underwater postmen said they were honoured with the trust given and would strive to carry out the task to the best of their ability.

Lee, a diving centre manager on

the island has more than 10 years of diving experience and has held a diving licence since 2001, while Marden a dive master, earned his diving licence in 2011.

The local duo from Kota Behad

would ensure that postcards sent through the underwater mail box would be safely delivered to recipients in making this joint Pos Malaysia-MCMC programme a success. – Bernama

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