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CAAM COMPLETES SAREX TO TEST READINESS OF COUNTRY'S SEARCH AND RESCUE AGENCIES IN PREPARATION FOR LIMA`25

LANGKAWI, KEDAH – The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) proudly announces the successful completion of the Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) conducted from 6th to 8th May 2025 in Langkawi, Kedah. The exercise, jointly organised with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), is a critical part of Malaysia's ongoing efforts to ensure operational readiness and strengthen inter-agency coordination ahead of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2025 (LIMA`25) scheduled to be held from 20th to 24th May 2025.

Spanning three days, the comprehensive exercise involving both water and land SAREX were designed to simulate real-world emergency situations. The first day was kicked off with the Tabletop Exercise (TTX) for water SAREX to enhance the understanding of each Search and Rescue (SAR) agency's standard operating procedures (SOP), which will then be applied during the Field Training Exercise (FTX) of water SAREX. The water SAREX was held on the second, followed by the land SAREX on the last day of the exercise. These exercises aim to test the response capabilities, communication, and interoperability of national and international agencies involved in search and rescue operations.

A total of 38 agencies/units participated, alongside two invited international agencies from the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) and Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS). Their involvement reflects strong regional cooperation, collaboration, and a commitment to capacity building aimed at enhancing skills and knowledge in the field of Search and Rescue. The exercises were further supported by three key domestic agencies: the National Security Council (NSC), the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), and the Ministry of Transport (Maritime Division). In total, approximately 857 personnel were mobilised for the exercises, demonstrating the scale and commitment of Malaysia's National SAR Agency in preparation for one of the region's most prominent aerospace and maritime exhibitions.



CAAM expresses its deepest appreciation to all participating agencies for their exemplary cooperation, professionalism, and dedication. The results of the SAREX reaffirm Malaysia's preparedness to manage emergency situations swiftly and efficiently, ensuring the safety of participants and visitors throughout the duration of LIMA`25.

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