

Marine Dept conducts oil spill exercise



Personnel working together to contain an oil spill during the exercise.

TAWAU: The Sabah Marine Department had recently organized an oil spill exercise at the Oil Terminal Jetty, Tanjung Batu here.

A spokesperson for the department said the exercise was done as preparation to combat oil spill and also to improve communication between the government and private agencies in their role to take care of the environment.

Petroleum Industry of Malaysia Mutual Aid Group (PIMMAG) from Kuala Lumpur and Labuan served the role of the private sector in the exercise while government agencies included the marine police, Department of Environment, Sabah Port and Harbour Department, Sabah Fishery Department, Fire and Rescue Department, Malaysia Marine Enforcement Agency and Immigration Department.

Some 102 people were involved in the exercise including 55 Sabah Marine Department personnel, whereby 275 metres of oil boom had been deployed with a Wier Skimmer.