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LKIM mohon kaji tempoh terlalu lama siasat bot ditahan

Parit Buntar: Lembaga Kemajuan Ikan Malaysia (LKIM) memohon Jabatan Perikanan mengkaji semula tempoh siasatan terlalu lama ke atas nelayan atau bot yang ditahan, sehingga menyukarkan golongan itu mencari rezeki.

Pengerusi LKIM, Muhammad Faiz Fadzil berkata selain tidak dapat mencari rezeki sepanjang tempoh siasatan yang kebiasaannya berbulan lamanya, nelayan turut berdepan kesulitan kerana bantuan diterima digantung sehingga siasatan selesai.

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"Kita sebenarnya (LKIM) telah ada perjanjian dengan Jabatan Perikanan, namun kita minta undang-undang itu diperhalusi atau diubah supaya pelaksanaan lebih berkesan," katanya selepas Program Rahmah Mesra MADANI Mega Kerian, Perak di Dataran Hadapan Sekolah Kebangsaan Kuala Kurau, semalam.

Mengulas lanjut, Muhammad Faiz memberi contoh individu ditahan kerana disyaki melakukan kesalahan jenayah paling lama pun akan direman 14 hari di bawah Seskyen 117 Kanun Keseksamaan, manakala bot disita untuk tempoh lama.

"Kenapa perlukan masa panjang sedangkan kita hanya perlu menyiasat... dalam masa sama, bot boleh dilepaskan sekiranya kesalahan tidak membabitkan bot atau pun dilepaskan dengan arahan untuk dipulihkan.

"Jika ditahan untuk jangka masa lama, sudah pasti akan menyukarkan bot atau nelayan untuk mencari rezeki," katanya sambil mengakui ada kes nelayan disekat bantuan termasuk Elaun Sara Hidup Nelayan atas kesalahan dilakukan.

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Muhammad Faiz Fadzil, Pengerusi LKIM

Farmers: Durians 'acting up' this year

Less fruits now despite longer harvesting period

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JOHOR BARU: The durian season usually ends in late August or September, but Han Sing Kean has been harvesting fruits non-stop at his orchard in Kulai since May.

However, this bumper crop has not translated into more income for him and other farmers because very few of the fruits drop.

For consumers, this means fewer durians in the market between May and August, though the thorny delicacies are available outside of the usual season.

"I have been able to harvest durian non-stop since May, except for a short one-week plus period in between. But the quantity of

durian I get during this off-peak season is very small," said the 47-year-old, who owns 8ha of orchards.

"I still get to harvest durian during the normal season, but the amount we get is smaller than usual."

Han's experience was echoed by other durian farmers *The Star* spoke to in Johor, who said the king of fruits has been "acting up" this year while their harvests and income have become as unpredictable as the weather.

"With the weather pattern changing, we are now seeing the fruit falling during months outside of its normal season," said Malaysian Fruit Farmer's association vice-president Francis Hong Sun Ho.

Besides the middle of the year

till early September, the durian would usually also be harvested during a brief period between December and January.

But the longer harvesting period has not translated into more earnings for farmers as the overall quantity has declined this year compared with past years.

"The durian yield for each season has dropped to between 20% and 50%. We started seeing this over the past few years, but it became very apparent this year," said Hong.

This trend is expected to continue in the years to come, he said, adding that it has affected durian more than other seasonal fruits.

"We can see a similar pattern for rambutans, but it is not as obvious as with durians. Normally, the durian season falls between



Prickly behaviour: Han (left) showing a durian tree that had just borne fruit at a farm in Chaah, Johor. — THOMAS YONG/The Star

July and August in Johor before the next season at the end of the year."

He explained that the durian season would vary slightly from state to state or even between districts "but they are usually about the same time".