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ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre Conducts Cluster Meeting in Brunei

- Meeting discussed the use of technology to enhance maritime domain awareness and maritime security

The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) and the Royal Brunei Police Force, together with the National Maritime Coordination Centre, concluded a four-day cluster meeting from 21 to 24 September 2026 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei today. The meeting brought together representatives from the Royal Brunei Police Force, Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Maritime and Port Authority of Brunei Darussalam, Brunei Gas Carriers, Brunei Shell Petroleum, Brunei LNG and Department of Fisheries. ReCAAP Focal Points from Cambodia, China, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, as well as the Indonesia Marine and Air Police Corps (IMAP), also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, participants representing different stakeholders were briefed on various aspects of port and maritime security in Brunei, including:

- Early Detection and Response to Maritime Security Threats
- Emerging technologies in maritime security operations
- Port Security in the Digital Age
- Enhancing Offshore Energy Security Through Emerging Technologies and Maritime Partnerships

Participants also engaged in group discussions on the application of artificial intelligence in counter-piracy and cross-border security operations, alongside current maritime security challenges, emerging regional threats and opportunities to further strengthen the ReCAAP framework.

ReCAAP ISC Executive Director, Mr Vijay Chefekar, said, “By using artificial intelligence, the law enforcement agencies are able to address anomalies pertaining to suspicious vessels or unusual movements within their ports and territorial waters. I encourage ReCAAP Focal Points to explore the use of such technologies to detect suspicious vessels which may be involved in armed robbery against ships or other criminal activities.”

Assistant Commissioner of Police Haji Hamri Aslan, Acting Director of Operations, Royal Brunei Police Force and ReCAAP ISC Governor for Brunei, said, “ReCAAP Focal Points in Southeast Asia face common security challenges such as armed robbery against ships, contraband smuggling, IUU Fishing and irregular human migration. The cluster meeting has provided a useful platform for ReCAAP Focal Points to discuss best practices and coordinate responses to transnational maritime crimes.”

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Participants of ReCAAP ISC Cluster Meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei
from 21 to 24 September 2026

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About ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC)

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. The Agreement entered into force on September 4, 2006 with 14 Asian countries as Contracting Parties, and the Information Sharing Centre was established on November 29, 2006. To date, 22 States have become Contracting Parties to ReCAAP. To fulfil its vision as the Information Hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia, ReCAAP ISC enhances regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements. At the 12th Governing Council Meeting in 2018, the Council announced that ReCAAP ISC has met the criteria to be a Centre of Excellence for information sharing in combating piracy and armed robbery at sea. For more information about ReCAAP ISC, please visit <http://www.recaap.org>