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Malaysia Miliki 64 Stesen Seismik Menjelang Hujung Tahun Ini

Oleh Balqis Jamaludin

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Jun (Bernama) -- Sebanyak 44 stesen seismik yang bertindak mengesan gegaran gempa bumi telah dipasang di seluruh negara termasuk lapan di Sabah.

Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia Datuk Che Gayah Ismail berkata sebanyak 20 lagi stesen seismik baharu termasuk tujuh di Sabah, akan dipasang di seluruh negara menjelang akhir tahun ini.

"Setakat ini Sabah mempunyai dua stesen seismik 'strong motion' iaitu di Ranau dan Lembah Danum manakala enam stesen seismik 'weak motion' di Sandakan, Kudat, Kota Kinabalu, Sepulut, Tawau dan Lahad Datu," katanya kepada Bernama di sini.

Stesen seismik baharu yang akan dipasang di Sabah ialah stesen seismik 'strong motion' di Keningau, Sandakan, Kota Belud dan Kota Kinabalu; tiga lagi stesen 'weak motion' (Ranau, Semporna dan Lembah Danum).

Pakar Geologi Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Prof Madya Dr Tajul Anuar Jamaluddin berkata, stesen seismik yang dipasang pada permukaan bumi mampu mengesan dan mengira magnitud sebarang gegaran akibat gempa bumi di sesuatu kawasan.

Tajul Anuar berkata stesen ini turut mengesan gegaran yang disebabkan oleh gelombang yang telah merambat di dalam kerak bumi.

"Bila satu tempat itu bergegar gelombang tu merambat sampai ke tempat kita, jadi kita terasalah gegarnya, begitulah yang berlaku di Sabah, apabila gempa bumi berlaku di Ranau, kawasan lain seperti Tuaran, Tambunan dan Kota Kinabalu turut merasai gegaran itu," katanya.

Jumaat lepas, gempa bumi sederhana berukuran 5.9 pada skala Richter berlaku di Ranau, dengan pusat gempa terletak 16km di barat laut Ranau, dan gegaran turut dirasai di kebanyakan tempat di Sabah termasuk Tambunan, Tuaran, Kota Kinabalu dan Kota Belud.

Jelasnya stesen seismik juga boleh mengesan lokasi punca atau fokus gempa bumi daripada had laju gelombang yang sampai kepadanya melalui pengesanan sekurang-kurangnya tiga stesen seismik.

Bagaimanapun katanya, setakat ini belum ada alat atau sistem di dunia ini yang dapat meramal berlakunya gempa bumi.

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Ranau: Seramai 19 daripada 190 orang termasuk 137 pendaki yang berada di puncak Gunung Kinabalu ketika gempa bumi sederhana dengan kekuatan magnitud 5.9 pagi kelmarin, dikenal pasti maut atau masih hilang.

Setakat jam 8 malam tadi, sebanyak 13 mayat sudah dibawa turun termasuk dua mayat yang dikeluarkan malam kelmarin, manakala enam lagi belum ditemui dan operasi mencari masih diteruskan.

Bagaimanapun, hanya dua mayat yang dibawa turun malam kelmarin sudah dikenal pasti identiti mereka iaitu malim gunung warga tempatan, Robbi Sopinggi, 30 dan kanak-kanak perempuan warga Singapura, Wee Yee Ping, 12, manakala selebihnya belum dikenal pasti.

Berdasarkan senarai warga negara masih hilang atau dikenal pasti maut yang dikeluarkan polis semalam, seramai lapan orang adalah rakyat Singapura, diikuti enam warga Malaysia, manakala selebihnya, masing-masing seorang warga China, Filipina dan Jepun.

Semalam, 11 mayat ditemui dengan 10 mayat dibawa turun dari Laban Rata menggunakan helikopter Jabatan Bomba dan Penyelamat Malaysia (JBPM) Sabah dan Tentera Udara Diraja Malaysia (TUDM) manakala satu mayat dibawa melalui jalan darat dan tiba di Pondok Timpohon, jam 7.20 malam dan jam 8 malam tadi.

Sementara itu, seramai 173 orang termasuk dua mayat dan mereka yang cedera dibawa turun awal pagi semalam dan dihantar ke beberapa hospital untuk rawatan lanjut termasuk Hospital Ranau, Hospital Queen Elizabeth (HQE) dan Hospital Gleneagles Kota Kinabalu.

Gegaran susulan ganggu operasi menyelamat

Beberapa gegaran susulan yang berlaku sejak pagi semalam, melambatkan pergerakan pasukan penyelamat untuk menghampiri lokasi mayat pendaki di Laban Rata, Gunung Kinabalu.

Panglima Task Force 450, Mej Jen Datuk Masrani Paiman, berkata seramai 48 anggota penyelamat mula mendaki gunung itu kira-kira jam 6 pagi.

Beliau berkata, pada jam 1.30 petang semalam, pihaknya menerima maklumat pasukan itu yang terdiri daripada anggota tentera, bomba dan Jabatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia (JPAM), sudah menghampiri lokasi mayat itu dikumpul.

Di Kota Kinabalu, Menteri Sains, Teknologi dan Inovasi, Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin, berkata sebanyak 32 gegaran kecil dilaporkan susulan gempa bumi di Ranau, pagi kelmarin, termasuk yang terbaru pada magnitud 4.5, pada jam 1.45 petang semalam, selama hampir lima saat.

Beliau berkata, dua gempa bumi susulan dengan kekuatan magnitud 4.3 berlaku pada jam 9.12 malam dan pada jam 11.13 malam kelmarin, disusuli gempa terkini dengan kekuatan magnitud 4.5 pada jam 1.45 petang semalam.

Pengarah Meteorologi Sabah, Abdul Malek Tusin, berkata gegaran susulan itu turut dirasakan penduduk di Ranau, Tambunan, Tuaran, Kota Kinabalu, Kota Belud dan pedalaman Sabah.



Twenty more quake monitoring devices installed nationwide

PETALING JAYA: An additional 20 earthquake monitoring devices – including seven more for Sabah – are being installed nationwide, says **Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin.**

"These new devices are expected to be fully operational by the end of this year, bringing the total of such devices in the country to 64," he said in a press statement.

At present, there are 44 such devices in the country, eight of which are in Sabah.

The Meteorological Department, he said, is also developing a map tremors application (Shakesmap) to further enhance the study of seismic information in Malaysia.

Ewon said a "war room", meanwhile, has been set up at the Kota Kinabalu Meteorological Office at the international airport for the public to get information on the recent quake.

In Ranau, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the government was considering setting up an earthquake monitoring centre.

He said such a centre is especially necessary in Sabah which does not have any such facility to track such natural disasters.

"Last Friday's incident was unprecedented and something none of us expected.

"However, it happened and now we have to move forward and take the relevant precautionary steps.

"We need to invest in some research and also come up with standard operating procedures, evacuation systems and also early warnings," he said after visiting several affected areas there today.

He said while the nation has a Geoscience Centre, there is no monitoring centre.

"Perhaps the new centre should have experts both locally and from abroad, such as Japan, to monitor earth movements.

"This would be the first of its kind in Malaysia to study seismic movements. In last week's incident, no warning at all was issued and if it happens again, we do not want to be caught offguard," Muhyiddin said.

He also conveyed his condolences to all the families of the victims.

About 33 schools in the Ranau-Kundasang region were hit by the quake, while the district mosque was also damaged.

"The Ar Rahman Mosque in Ranau Town will be rebuilt at a cost of between RM7 to RM8 million," he said.

Muhyiddin later attended a briefing by Ranau district police chief DSP Farhan Abdullah on the quake, which measured 5.9 on the Richter scale.

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KOTA KINABALU: **The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation** said 32 aftershocks with magnitude of between 1.6 and 4.5 on the Richter scale occurred until 2pm yesterday since the major earthquake with a 5.9 magnitude struck Ranau on Friday morning.

Its **minister Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin**, in a statement, said quakes with a force 4.3 magnitude struck at 9:12pm and at 11:13pm Friday, followed by a 4.5 magnitude at 1:45pm yesterday.

He also announced that a War Room had been set up at the Meteorological Department office at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport.

He said it would be used as a point of reference for the public to get the latest information on the status of the earthquake and aftershocks that occurred through its 088-413691 and 088-413690 hotlines.

"In addition, the public could get information from the website of the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) <http://www.met.gov.my> official web or mobile m.met.gov.my or facebook <https://www.facebook.com/malaysiamet> or twitter <https://twitter.com/malaysiamet> or MetMalaysia Hotline at 1 300 22 1MET (1638)," Ewon added.

Read more: <http://www.theborneopost.com/2015/06/07/32-aftershocks-yesterday-war-room-at-kkia/#ixzz3cRAxog1n>

NEW STRAITS TIMES ONLINE

Set up SAR team in Kinabalu Park, says Dr Ewon Ebin

KUNDASANG: Ranau Member of Parliament **Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin** will propose to the federal cabinet to set up a Search and Rescue (SAR) team in Kinabalu Park in preparation for future incidents.

"And the best people to be trained for the team are the mountain guides who know Mount Kinabalu well. "In my proposal to the cabinet I will stress that the SAR team be given specific training and equipment as well as paid a monthly allowance," he said in a statement.

The Science, Technology and Innovation Minister pointed out that the mountain guides are the best people for the job in search and rescue as they know the terrain well and understand the weather in the area.

"This is based on observations where they had proven themselves during the search and rescue operation in the last few days.

"I am very impressed with their high commitment to rescue the stranded climbers and they did it voluntarily and without any concern for their own safety," he added.

Ewon also urged the local authorities to ensure that all future high buildings in Ranau be built according to earthquake resistance specifications as the area has been identified as an epicentre of earthquake.

"The standard of compliance of these building should match the standard in Japan which also experiences earthquakes," he stressed.

Ewon also expressed appreciation to Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman for declaring tomorrow as a day of mourning for Sabah and for the decision to cancel the national-level Pesta Kaamatan celebration as a sign of respect for the tragedy.

"I also support the call that the mountain guides, porters and villagers who volunteered to help in the search and rescue operation to be give awards in recognition for their services," Dr Ewon said.



Muhyiddin forced to evacuate mid-briefing due to quake

RANAU: Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin had to evacuate from a briefing room at Restoran Liwagu, Taman Kinabalu Kundasang near here while he was being briefed on the Ranau earthquake by Ranau police chief DSP Farhan Lee Abdullah at 1pm today due to aftershocks from the quake.

Muhyiddin together with Sabah Chief Minister Musa Aman, PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang, who was also present, and the others attending the meeting had to rush out via the staircase after they felt the tremors from the aftershocks.

Media personnel present experienced three tremors which also rattled the building. Among the other VIPs present at the briefing were Sabah's two deputy chief ministers, Yahya Hussin and Joseph Pairin Kitingan, Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Abdul Rahman Dahlan, **Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Ewon Ebin** and Sabah Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Masidi Manjun.

Fortunately the weather was sunny and the briefing was then continued outside the restaurant following which Muhyiddin held a press conference.

The tremors also caused patrons at the restaurant to scurry out of the building.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin said Malaysia needed an earthquake monitoring centre as part of the country's preparedness requirements to face future earthquakes.

He said the earthquake monitoring centre was necessary especially in Sabah which has yet to have a special centre to track the possibility of such natural disasters.

"An earthquake is not something we can predict. But, now this has happened. As such, we need to take measures to handle future occurrences.

"We have a Geoscience Department but we do not have a monitoring centre.

"In the latest incident, no one issued any warning. It may happen again and we do not have a department responsible to monitor impending disasters here," he said after being briefed on the Ranau earthquake here today.

Muhyiddin said a study would be conducted involving both local and foreign Geoscience experts to identify how to establish the centre.

He said the centre would house experts in the field apart of having the relevant equipment to monitor earthquakes at all times.

He said studies by geoscientists were required to introduce evacuation standard operating procedures (SOPs), early warning system as well as training for residents around earthquake prone areas.



Hospital, police stations among those damaged

KUNDASANG: Many buildings, including Ranau Hospital and the district police headquarters, were damaged by the quake.

There were cracks on two blocks of the hospital, the Ranau mosque, the Maybank building, a teachers' quarters, police quarters, the police headquarters block and a supermarket.

Sabah Police Commissioner Datuk Jalaluddin Abdul Rahman said that buildings and houses between Ranau and Tambunan were also damaged, adding that tremors were felt in 12 districts.

Houses in Kg Kiau in Kota Belud were also damaged.

Tremors lasting about 25 seconds caused panic in Kota Kinabalu with people in high rise buildings fleeing to open ground.

Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman declared Friday a public holiday for civil servants in the Ranau district and urged people to remain calm.

In KUALA LUMPUR, Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said Bukit Aman would send more personnel to help Sabah police.

He said police buildings in Tuaran and Kota Belud also had cracks after the earthquake.

Khalid said all forms of recreational activities near Mount Kinabalu have been halted until further notice.

In PETALING JAYA, Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan said the Fire and Rescue Department would monitor all districts surrounding the quake area.

He said efforts were also underway to deal with possible aftershocks to prevent further casualties.

"The earth surface of Sabah is quite complicated and this is making our search and rescue operations difficult, especially in hilly areas.

"However, efforts are being made to ensure that all the people are rescued," he said in a statement.

He said the Fire and Rescue Department had also been asked to include information on facing earthquakes in its programmes.

"It is similar to what they do in Indonesia, and this will help Malaysians to better understand earthquakes and what needs to be done when it happens," he said.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Dr Ewon Ebin said people should not listen to rumours but get accurate information.

"There is a lot of news on social media and the public should not spread such unverified information.

"We also urge the people in Sabah, especially in the affected areas, to be cautious and follow instructions of the authorities," he said.

More information is available on the official website of the Meteorological Department at www.met.gov.my which has opened up a 24-hour Earthquake Information Centre. It can be reached at 088-413690 or 088-413691.

More information is also available on the Meteorological Department's official twitter account @malaysiamet.



Taklimat Gempa Bumi Muhyiddin Terhenti Akibat Gegaran



RANAU, 7 Jun (Bernama) -- Taklimat berhubung gempa bumi berukuran 5.9 pada skala Richter yang melanda Sabah pada Jumaat lalu dihentikan seketika apabila gegaran tiba-tiba dirasai kira-kira jam 1 tengah hari ini, menyebabkan Timbalan Perdana Menteri Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yang sedang mengikuti taklimat itu, terpaksa bergegas keluar.

Muhyiddin, Ketua Menteri Sabah Datuk Seri Musa Aman, Presiden PAS Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang berserta kenamaan lain yang berada di dalam bilik taklimat di Restoran Liwagu, Taman Kinabalu Kundasang, bergegas turun dari tingkat atas bangunan dua tingkat itu apabila gegaran disertai bunyi seperti benda retak dirasai semua tetamu.

Taklimat yang disampaikan Ketua Polis Daerah Ranau DSP Farhan Lee Abdullah itu kemudian disambung di luar bangunan restoran itu di bawah terik mentari.

Sekurang-kurangnya tiga gegaran akibat gempa bumi dapat dirasai sepanjang pengamal media berada di Restoran Liwagu sehinggalah selesai acara lawatan Muhyiddin di Kundasang.

Satu daripada gegaran itu berlaku selama beberapa saat sejurus selepas sidang media, ketika pengamal media sedang bersedia memulakan proses menulis berita di restoran itu, menyebabkan semua yang berada di dalam restoran berkenaan berlarian ke arah pintu keluar.

Sidang media itu turut dihadiri Ketua Menteri Sabah Datuk Seri Musa Aman, dua Timbalan Ketua Menteri Datuk Seri Yahya Hussin dan Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan, Menteri Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, **Menteri Sains Teknologi dan Inovasi Datuk Ewon Ebin** dan Menteri Pelancongan, Kebudayaan dan Alam Sekitar Sabah Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun.

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Gempa: Pasukan Penyelamat Laksanakan Tugas Dengan Cemerlang - Muhyiddin

RANAU, 7 Jun (Bernama) -- Timbalan Perdana Menteri Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin memuji kecekapan pasukan penyelamat dianggotai pelbagai agensi, termasuk malim gunung, dalam usaha menyelamatkan mangsa gempa bumi di Ranau yang terperangkap di puncak Gunung Kinabalu.

Sambil mengucapkan syabas dan terima kasih kepada pasukan penyelamat berkenaan, beliau berkata pasukan itu terdiri daripada polis, bomba, angkatan tentera, Pasukan Mencari dan Menyelamat Khas Malaysia (SMART) dan Jabatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia berjaya melaksanakan tugas walaupun berdepan bahaya serta menghadapi tugas sukar.

"Kita ucapkan terima kasih dan syabas kepada mereka kerana tindakan diambil amat segera dan keduanya, kawasan ini adalah kawasan popular. Ramai pendaki telah datang ke sini termasuk sewaktu kejadian ini berlaku, beratus pendaki berada di atas (puncak Gunung Kinabalu)," katanya.

Muhyiddin berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas mendengar taklimat berkenaan gempa bumi di Ranau, di Taman Kinabalu, Kundasang, yang disampaikan Ketua Polis Daerah Ranau DSP Farhan Lee Abdullah.

Turut hadir Ketua Menteri Sabah Datuk Seri Musa Aman, dua Timbalan Ketua Menteri Datuk Seri Yahya Hussin dan Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan, Menteri Kesejahteraan Bandar, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, [Menteri Sains Teknologi dan Inovasi Datuk Ewon Ebin](#) dan Menteri Pelancongan, Kebudayaan dan Alam Sekitar Sabah Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun.

Muhyiddin berkata beliau difahamkan terdapat lima lagi mayat akan dibawa turun dari Gunung Kinabalu dan dijangka dibawa turun antara jam 3 petang hingga 5 petang ini menggunakan helikopter sekiranya cuaca mengizinkan.

Katanya walaupun mangsa yang terselamat dan sebahagian mangsa yang terkorban sudah dibawa turun namun masih terdapat 56 anggota pasukan penyelamat di atas gunung berkenaan.

Beliau berkata semua mangsa perlu segera dibawa turun agar pasukan keselamatan dapat meninggalkan lokasi bencana demi keselamatan mereka memandangkan gegaran masih berlaku dari semasa ke semasa.

"Saya ucap takziah kepada keluarga mangsa pendaki dan kakitangan kita yang terlibat yang ditemui maut dalam peristiwa agak malang ini.

"Kita mendoakan semoga roh mereka diberi ganjaran oleh Allah SWT, kalau agama lain, (semoga) keadaan mereka selamat," katanya.

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NEW STRAITS TIMES ONLINE

RM10,000 donations for Malaysian families killed on Mt Kinabalu

RANAU: Families of Malaysians who perished on Mount Kinabalu after the earthquake will be given donation of RM10,000.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the Federal government and state government will be donating RM5,000 each to them. For those who were injured they will be given cash donations of RM2,000, he said after a briefing on the search operations up on the mountain which was disrupted by tremors.

This prompted Muhyiddin to evacuate the building together with Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, Local government and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Rahman Dahlan, **Science Technology and Innovation minister Datuk Ewon Ebin**, deputy chief ministers Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan and Datuk Seri Yahaya Hussin along with other leaders and senior government officers at the Liwagu Restaurant at the Mount Kinabalu National Park. Speaking to the press outside the restaurant he also paid tribute to mountain guides involved in the search and rescue operation along with members of the security forces and other agencies since Friday.

In describing them as heroes Muhyiddin said they will be given recognition accordingly. "I also wish to extend my condolences to the families of all those who perished in the earthquake," he said.

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More minor tremors recorded in Sabah

KOTA KINABALU: Seven earthquakes have occurred back to back since 6.58am at west coast area of Sabah. The latest was a 2.5 richter of magnitude at 9.46am, 26km north of Tambunan where tremors were felt in Ranau.

The Malaysian Meteorological Department also recorded three earthquakes near Ranau at 8.49am, 9.16am and 9.21am with magnitude of 2.9, 2.6 and 2.2 richter respectively. Three earthquakes earlier were experienced near Kota Belud at 6.58 am (3.2), 7.05am (2.9) and 7.35am (3.0).

NEW STRAITS TIMES ONLINE

Malaysia to have 64 seismic stations by year end

KUALA LUMPUR: There are forty four seismic stations to detect earthquake tremors nationwide including eight in Sabah. Malaysian Meteorological Department director-general Datuk Che Gayah Ismail said 20 more new seismic stations including seven in Sabah would be set up throughout the country by year end.

"Currently, Sabah has two strong motion seismic stations in Ranau and Lembah Danum while six weak motion seismic stations are located in Sandakan, Kudat, Kota Kinabalu, Sepulut, Tawau and Lahad Datu," she told Bernama here.

Among the new seismic stations to be set up in Sabah, four strong motion seismic stations will be located in Keningau, Sandakan, Kota Belud and Kota Kinabalu while three weak motion seismic stations will be in Ranau, Semporna and Lembah Danum. Meanwhile, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) geologist Associate Prof Dr Tajul Anuar Jamaluddin said terrestrial seismic stations could detect and measure the magnitude of any earthquake tremors in a certain area.

The station is capable of detecting shocks caused by seismic waves on the earth's crust. On Friday, a moderate earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale in Ranau which had its epicentre 16 km northwest of the town was felt in many places in the state including Tambunan, Tuaran, Kota Kinabalu and Kota Belud. Tajul Anuar said the seismic stations could also detect the epicentre of an earthquake from the wave speeds detected by at least three seismic stations. However, he said at the moment there was no equipment or system in the world which could forecast the occurrence of an earthquake. – BERNAMA

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Gempa Lemah Berlaku Di Kota Belud

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Jun (Bernama) -- Gempa bumi berukuran 3.0 pada skala Richter berlaku pada pukul 7.35 pagi tadi di Kota Belud, Sabah, menurut [Jabatan Meteorologi](#).

Pusat gegaran ialah 6.2 darjah utara dan 116.5 darjah timur, kira-kira 25 kilometer tenggara Kota Belud.

Gegaran turut dirasai di Ranau.

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Gempa Bumi Lemah Berlaku 90km Di Barat Laut Labuan

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Jun (Bernama) -- Gempa bumi berukuran 3.2 pada skala Richter berlaku 90km di barat laut Labuan, Ahad.

Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia dalam kenyataannya berkata gempa bumi pada pukul 8.40 pagi itu turut dirasai di Ranau.

Terdahulu, gegaran turut dirasai di Ranau apabila gempa bumi berukuran 3.0 pada skala Richter berlaku 25km di tenggara Kota Belud pada 7.35 pagi, kata jabatan itu.

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Empat Gempa Bumi Lemah Landa Sabah Hingga Tengah Hari Ini

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Jun (Bernama) -- Satu gempa bumi lemah berukuran 3.1 pada skala Richter berlaku pada 11.35 pagi ini 16 km di timur laut Ranau, Sabah.

Menurut kenyataan [Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia](#), gempa bumi itu adalah yang keempat di Sabah dalam tempoh empat jam sejak 7.35 pagi tadi.

Dalam laporan terdahulunya, jabatan itu berkata gempa bumi berukuran 3.0 pada skala Richter berlaku pada 7.35 pagi 25 km di tenggara Kota Belud.

Gegaran kedua pada 8.40 pagi berukuran 3.2 pada skala Richter pula dikesan berlaku 90 km di barat laut Labuan.

Gegaran ketiga pula dikesan pada 9.16 pagi di utara Ranau dengan kekuatan 2.7 pada skala Richter.

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UTM Bakal Lancar Kod Reka Bentuk Bangunan Berciri Tahan Gegeran Gempa Bumi

JOHOR BAHRU, 7 Jun (Bernama) -- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) bakal melancarkan Kod Reka Bentuk Bangunan yang mempunyai ciri-ciri mengurangkan impak gegeran gempa bumi.

Penyelidik Pusat Gempa Bumi dan Seismologi UTM, Dr Mariana Aida Ab Kadir berkata pihaknya telah membuat kajian secara terperinci mengenai kod itu dan kaedah yang telah diprakui [Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia \(MetMalaysia\)](#) dan Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR).

"Kod berkenaan dibincangkan pada tahun 2007 itu, bakal dilaksanakan menjelang penghujung tahun ini," katanya kepada pemberita ketika mengulas kejadian gempa bumi di Sabah pada Jumaat lepas.

Mariana berkata kaedah menggunakan 'damper' atau pelapik penyerap hentakan berfungsi sebagai pelapik atau penampung gegeran atau gerakan bumi sekiranya berlaku gegeran dan juga dapat mengurangkan kerosakan pada bangunan.

"Kod ini adalah berbeza-beza mengikut kekuatan pergerakan tanah berdasarkan kawasan yang berpotensi untuk menggunakan kaedah berkenaan," kata beliau.

Mariana berkata penyelidikan beliau telah mendapat geran sepenuhnya daripada kerajaan sejak 2005 membabitkan beberapa institusi awam termasuk UTM, JKR, MetMalaysia dan Institut Kejuruteraan Malaysia.

Beliau berkata setakat ini hanya Jambatan Kedua Pulau Pinang yang menggunakan kaedah berkenaan.

Sehubungan itu, penyelidik daripada Pusat Gempa Bumi dan Seismologi UTM yang diketuai Prof Azlan Adnan dan turut disertai penyelidik Fakulti Kejuruteraan Awam UTM, Zamri Ramli berada di Ranau bagi membuat kajian berhubung kejadian gempa yang merangkumi kerosakan bangunan dan permukaan bumi.

"Hasil daripada kajian mereka itu nanti, akan dijadikan panduan dan rujukan kepada aktiviti penyelidikan berhubung dengan keperluan perancangan semula kawasan tersebut," kata Mariana.

Antara kawasan yang mempunyai Garis Sesar (aktif dan tidak aktif) ialah Bukit Tinggi di Pahang, yang sebelum ini pernah mengalami gegeran pada pertengahan tahun lepas, dengan bacaan 4 skala Richter berdasarkan rekod yang berlaku sebelum ini.

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Jabatan Meteorologi Nafi Keluar Amaran Tsunami Dan Ribut Kuat

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Jun (Bernama) -- Jabatan Meteorologi Malaysia (METMalaysia) hari ini menafikan pihaknya telah mengeluarkan amaran tsunami dan ribut kuat yang akan melanda Sabah, Terengganu dan Pahang dalam masa 36 jam.

Jabatan itu dalam kenyataannya hari ini berkata mesej dan maklumat yang tersebar di media sosial itu adalah tidak benar.

Sebarang pengesahan maklumat boleh merujuk laman sesawang <http://www.met.gov.my> atau mobile web rasmi m.met.gov.my, facebook <https://www.facebook.com/malaysiamet>, twitter <https://twitter.com/malaysianmet> atau hotline MetMalaysia di talian 1300 22 1MET (1638).

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