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State warns of stern action against polluters

MELAKA Chief Minister Adly Zahari warns of stern action against vessels polluting the waters off Tanjung Bruas here.

He said the state government was working on a mechanism to monitor and act against the polluters.

"We are collecting evidence from the coastal community and fishermen on incidents of a vessel dumping coal dust into Straits of Malacca.

"Action can be also taken under Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1952," he said.

Adly said a steering committee had been set up and it was led by Kumpulan Melaka Bhd (KMB) to investigate and act against polluters.

Scientific research showed that coal dust could have devastating effect on aquatic ecosystems as oxidising coal particles reduced the oxygen available for marine creatures including mussels and crustaceans.

Melaka Housing, Local Government and Environment Committee chairman Datuk Tey Kok Kiew had earlier said that coal contained different chemicals and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) content that were of most concern to environmentalists.

He added that certain components of coal PAHs caused biochemical changes in fish, which caused cancer in humans when consumed.