

LETTER TO EDITOR

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Brunei: 3 Malaysian ferries unsafe

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the report that appeared in the New Straits Times edition of 6 January 2011 under the caption "Brunei: 3 Malaysian ferries unsafe". The Marine Department Malaysia assures all users of the ferry services between Labuan and Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam that all the ferries operating the service are safe and properly certificated in accordance with the accepted standards. These ferries have been properly inspected and carry appropriate safety certificates.

The Marine Department together with the Ministry of Transport Malaysia has already taken the necessary steps to resolve the problems faced by the Malaysian ferries through consultation with the appropriate Brunei Darussalam authorities.

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