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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, MALAYSIA (AGC)

PRESS STATEMENT

FINAL REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF BATU PUTEH, BATUAN TENGAH AND TUBIR SELATAN

The Final Report of the Special Task Force on the Sovereignty of Batu Puteh, Batuan Tengah and Tubir Selatan (Special Task Force) was tabled before the Cabinet for its consideration on 11 January 2023.

Based on the Cabinet decision dated 11 January 2023, the Government is of the view that the decision to withdraw both the Application for Revision of the decision of the Case Concerning the Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks/Batuan Tengah and South Ledge/Tubir Selatan (Malaysia/Singapura) and the Request for Interpretation of the decision in the said case was not in order and improper.

Nevertheless, the Government respects the judgment of the International Court of Justice in the Case Concerning Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks/Batuan Tengah and South Ledge/Tubir Selatan (Malaysia/Singapore) dated 23 May 2008.

The Attorney General's Chambers is studying the recommendations made by the Special Task Force including the issue relating to tort of misfeasance in public office and will take appropriate action to carry out the decision of the Cabinet.

Issues relating to Batu Puteh are of vital importance as it relates to strategic interests and sovereignty of the nation. In this regard, the Government will continue to ensure that Malaysia's interest and sovereignty are protected and preserved at all times.

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