

# VIETNAMESE RESCUED NEAR TOK BALI

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Victim claims to have been adrift for 5 days after his ship capsized near Nam Du Island

## PASIR PUTEH

**A** MAN, believed to be a Vietnamese national was found clinging to a buoy by a local ship near the Malaysia-Thailand border in Tok Bali, near here, on Saturday.

Kelantan Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency director Captain (Maritime) Muhd Nur Syam Asmawie Yaacob said the victim, Le Hoang Em, 41, was rescued by the ship, *Express 93*, 107.2 nautical miles off Muara Tok Bali about 11.30am on Saturday.

He was said to have been drifting at sea for about five days.

"The ship took the appropriate measures by adhering to Covid-19 standard operating procedure before bringing the victim aboard.

"The victim, who was not wearing any clothes, was also believed to be suffering

from hypothermia as he was brought on board with a body temperature of 34 degrees Celsius, which was successfully stabilised by the crew," he said yesterday.

According to him, based on the initial conversation with the ship's representative, the victim worked on a boat with six crew members, including the skipper.

"The boat he was on was said to have sunk five days ago near Nam Du Island, Vietnam.

"The victim was taken to the Tok Bali Supply Base Jetty at 9.30am today (yesterday) and sent to the Cherang Ruku Health Clinic to undergo a Covid-19 swab test and health examination.

"The victim is expected to be handed over to the Malaysian Immigration Department for further action," he said, adding that the Vietnamese Embassy in Malaysia had also been informed. **Berna-ma**



*Le Hoang Em being rescued by 'Express 93', 107.2 nautical miles off Muara Tok Bali near Pasir Puteh yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF THE KELANTAN MALAYSIAN MARITIME ENFORCEMENT AGENCY*