



*A fishing boat along the shores of Pantai Tanjung Kemasik in Kemaman yesterday.* BERNAMA PIC

# Fishermen: Fix shallow river estuary problem

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**KEMAMAN:** Fishermen at Pantai Tanjung Kemasik want the candidate elected as the parliamentary representative in the Kemaman by-election to resolve the issue of the shallow river estuary in the area.

Fisherman Zuaimi Mat Ali, 59, said the shallow river mouth, made it difficult for them to go out to sea and land their catch, a situation which they had encountered for almost five years.

"When the water recedes, we have problems taking the boat out to sea.

"When we want to land our catch, we have to anchor far from

the beach, at the end of the breakwater, in order not to risk damaging the boat," he said at a fishing village here.

Zuami Mat said the breakwater project implemented by the state government failed to solve the problem.

Zulkifli Abdul Ghani, 63, concurred, saying the problem was affecting their income.

"It's worse around this time, as we cannot go out to the sea because of the monsoon. The waves are huge.

"Thankfully, the federal government has given us (fishermen) a RM300 monthly aid."

Terengganu Fishermen's Association chairman Mat Yassim Mohamed said there were more than 500 fishermen here.

Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate for the Kemaman by-election General (Rtd) Tan Sri Raja Mohamed Affandi Raja Mohamed Noor said he was aware of the problem and would look into it.

The former commander-in-chief of the Malaysian Armed Forces will face Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar of Pas in a straight fight for the parliamentary seat. **Bernama**