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**INVESTIGATION ON ILLEGAL DRONE INCIDENTS
DURING CANDIDATE NOMINATION DAY**

PUTRAJAYA – The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) confirms that four drone pilots have been detained by the Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) and their drones seized. Investigations are currently carried out by CAAM and RMP on those operating unauthorized drones in areas designated for candidate nomination on 29th July 2023.

Among the four cases reported, one has resulted in an unfortunate incident involving an agricultural drone that crashed and injured a civilian. The victim was immediately taken to the hospital for further treatment. The case is currently under investigation by CAAM in accordance with Civil Aviation Regulations 2016 and RMP under section 325 of the Penal Code for intentionally causing grievous hurt. Those found guilty of intentionally causing grievous hurt may face imprisonment of up to 7 years, a fine, or both, as stipulated under section 325 of the Penal Code.

CAAM reminds the public that operations of drones are strictly prohibited throughout the State Election period that includes the Candidate Nomination Day on 29th July 2023 (Saturday), Early Voting Day on 8th August 2023 (Tuesday), Election Day on 12th August 2023 (Saturday) and during the 14-day campaign period following Candidate Nomination Day.

Any illegal and unauthorized drone activity that may cause danger to the public or property is a violation to current regulations under section 4 of the Civil Aviation Act 1969, regulation 140-144 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 2016 and other relevant Civil Aviation Directives (CAD) issued by CAAM pursuant to section 240 of the Civil Aviation Act 1969 and if found liable will be subjected to fine or imprisonment prescribed under the relevant provisions.

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