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Dear Sir,

UNDERSEA FEATURE NAME PROPOSAL


References:

A. Email from Mr Mustafa IPTES dated 9 May 2014.

1. Thank you for your email in which you raised concerns on the naming of Rosli Hill which was found off Sarawak and outside the Malaysian territorial sea.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions stipulated in IHO publication B-6 page 2-2, Malaysia stands firm in its assertion on the naming of the contended Rosli Hill. Although Rosli Hill seemed to allude unlawful acts on its part at that point of time, but history has shown that the acts are accepted to present undertakings, akin to defending one's freedom in the face of an oppressing regime.
3. With that understanding, no political nor nationalist sentiment can be attributed during Malaysia's deliberation on the choice of name for Rosli Hill. Due consideration to retain Malaysia's proposal by SCUFN is sought owing to the fact that the feature was discovered by Malaysia. Therefore, support for the proposal should be in ascendancy over opposing.
4. In conjunction with paragraph 4 (page 2-2) of B-6, is in line with Malaysia's naming protocol of honoring the memory of it's famous person. Also, the proposals feature can also attributed with the existing geographical feature name surrounding that area i.e Raja Jarom Shoal and Rentap Shoal, in honour of Sarawak's rehonoured warrior. In addition NHC has published Notices to Mariners (NTM) in light to this issue. Enclosed a copy of the relevant NTM issued.

5. It is worthwhile to mention at this juncture that Cdr Norhizam will be attending SCUFN 27 at IHB Monaco (16-20 June 2014) to further deliberate on this issue.

6. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information.
Thank you.



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Enclosures:

1. Notices to Mariners for Feb 2014.

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