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DCM: Sarawak govt intensifying efforts to combat illegal logging

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Awang Tengah (right) chairs the state taskforce meeting in Wisma Sumber Alam.

KUCHING: Sarawak government will intensify its efforts in combating illegal logging, says Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan.

“Such effort is to ensure sustainability of forest resources for economic, social and environmental benefits for the present and future generations,” he was quoted as saying in a media statement yesterday.

The statement was issued after Awang Tengah chaired the state taskforce meeting on illegal logging at Wisma Sumber Alam in Petra Jaya here.

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Awang Tengah said the relevant ministry, as well as forestry and enforcement agencies should strengthen related legislation, procedures and laws continuously.

“Review of procedures and standard operating procedures should be done to enhance the effectiveness of enforcement activities.”

Representatives of related agencies such as the Forest Department, Land and Survey Department, police as well as Sarawak timber industry players were among those present at the meeting.

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