

## Police Investigate the Killing of Five People aboard MV SUMIEI

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Banjarmasin (AntaraneWS South Kalimantan) - Police are still exploring to investigate the deaths of five people on board the SUMIEI MV allegedly due to gas poisoning on Saturday (24/2) night.

"We are still checking the witnesses who know directly the events in the field," said Kapolresta Banjarmasin Kombes Pol Anjar Wicaksana in Banjarmasin on Sunday.

He said the actions taken by the investigation Unit Reskrim to see whether there is a criminal element of the events that occurred.

"If indeed there are parties who should be responsible for the accident of this work legally, then we will criminal proceedings," said Anjar.

Earlier Kapolresta immediately reviewed the crime scene at the Port of Martapura Baru briefly received reports of port workers who died during loading and unloading in MV SUMIEI.

Together with the Director of Criminal Investigation General of South Kalimantan Police Commissioner Sofyan Hidayat and accompanied by Police Criminal Police Chief Banjarmasin AKP Ade Papa Rihi and Kapolsek of Seaport Area (KPL) Kompol Susilawati, Anjar led briefing of member investigation steps.

As reported by Antara, five people were allegedly killed by inhaling poison gas at Palka Ship MV SUMIEI.

The five deaths were Hermadi (foreman), Danu (deputy foreman), David (laborer), Syahrani (laborer) and Ahmad Kamal (Trisakti Port Health Officer).

Based on the testimony of witness named Lukmanul Hakim, originally MV SUMIEI carrying karnil or palm kernel be prepared to perform loading and unloading activities.

At that time the witness opened the tarpaulin and pontoon (hatch cover) and after the open hold, then Lukmanul Hakim and other witness Abbas warned the workers not to enter the hold for at least two hours.

But at around 20:30 WITA, one of the victims went down despite being rebuked by Abbas not to go down but the victim did not listen.

As a result, the victim fainted in the hold, which was then three friends of the victims intend to come down and eventually fell and unconscious.

After the medical team came to the scene trying to get down to the hold to examine the victims, but also went unconscious in the hold until declared dead after being taken to the hospital.