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Ferry tragedy

MERSING (Johor): Four passengers drowned and three are still missing when a ferry, the *Seagull Express*, with 106 people on board caught fire and sank while on the way to Pulau Tioman on Saturday.

The passengers were mostly domestic tourists who took advantage of the Hari Raya holidays to visit the resort island.

- Ferry did not have valid licence and passenger certificate.
- Search and rescue operation was called off at 6pm yesterday and will resume today.
- Rompin OCPD Deputy Supt Abdullah Sani Salat said 96 passengers and three crew members were rescued by passing boats and ferries.

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